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PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL AND GENERAL INTEREST.

—The
—Warm weather in March
—Has been followed
—By Jack Frost's visitations
—In April.
—Fortunately Jack has done no damage to the incipient fruit crop
—Which, if blossoms are accepted as a criterion,
—Will be enormous.
—The vigorous movement
—Of a rake, hoe, or shovel handle,
—In the hands of a Spring fever patient
—Has been known to be followed
—By perspiration and the disappearance of the fever.
—Where there is a mother in the house matters speed well.—A. Bronson Alcott.
—Owing to ill-health, Rev. V. S. Rice has resigned the pastorate of the Linfield and St. Vincent Reformed churches, to take effect the first of May.
—The scales of justice are sometimes heavily loaded with ignorance.—Dallas.
—A snapper weighing 15 pounds was caught by Eli Nagle in a creek near Boyertown.
—P. V. Hoy has the indorsement of the five companies of Norristown for Fire Chief.
—A man usually has more respect for another man's size than for his age.—Atchison Globe.
—While riding his bicycle, Lester Black, a Pottstown lad, was attacked by a vicious dog and badly bitten on the leg.
—Norristown has knocked \$5 a year off the rent of stalls in its market in an endeavor to put the market on a paying basis.
—John Daly, 48 years old, of Phoenixville fell from a train near Womelsdort and three fingers of his right hand were crushed, and he had other injuries.
—The merchants and professional men of Phoenixville have organized the "Greater Phoenixville Association" and will co-operate with the Board of Trade.

Accidents at the College.

In a practice game last week A. T. McNeile, of Philadelphia, an outfielder on the baseball team, severely injured his ankle in sliding to first base. He will be unable to play for some time to come. During a friendly tussle in his room with some of his collegemates, Saturday evening, A. M. Billman, a Sophomore, had his head severely lacerated. Both of the injured persons were treated by Dr. Corson.

Jurors Drawn for May Court.

The list of jurors have been drawn for the special term of civil court in May. The list includes the names of Allen T. Keyser and Albert Hiser, of Lower Providence; Harry C. Miller and Irvin C. Hunsicker, of Limerick.

Ladies' Aid Society to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, on Monday evening, April 11, at the home of Mrs. F. W. Gristock.

The Demon of the Air

is the germ of LaGrippe, that, breathed in brings suffering to thousands. Its after effects are weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of Stomach, Liver and Kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Alex. Cornish, of Philadelphia, visited his brother, Dr. D. S. Cornish, Sunday.
The Misses Neff, of New Jersey, spent Sunday with their mother.
The condition of Mrs. Charles Barndt is reported to be very encouraging.
Five Shamokin businessmen, on an automobile trip to Atlantic City, passed through this place last week and called on John B. Price.
Miss Mabel Hobson, of Cape May, was home on Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. J. B. Price will spend the latter part of this week with Royersford relatives.
Dr. Wm. Hunsicker, of Philadelphia, was in town Sunday.
Mrs. Harriet Gristock had as her guest last week her grandson Master Gristock, of Philadelphia.
Dr. Bowers was in Philadelphia, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hausman and Mr. and Mrs. Miller were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moyer.
Emma Hagenbothom, of Philadelphia, is spending the week with Mrs. Thomas Hallman.

Winfred Landes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landes, a student at Pennsylvania State College from which institution he will graduate in June, has secured a position in Chicago.

J. K. Ornell, of Lower Providence, left Collegeville station Monday morning for Seattle, Washington.

Sherwood Vanderslice has moved with his family from the house on Main street owned by H. L. Saylor to the flat above Mr. Saylor's marble shop.

Prof. Wilbur Herbert Green, of New York city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Saylor, Sunday.

Geo. Simmons will farm for Mrs. Townsend, of Lower Providence.

Mrs. Elizabeth Allebach is again seriously ill.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Haines attended the meetings of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. S. B. Shaffer, of Rebersburg, Centre county, came east last Friday with Mr. Mitterling, the well known cattle dealer.

Suit to Eject Tenant.

Monday forenoon Magistrate Egbert, of Norristown, heard testimony in the case of H. L. Saylor vs. Lewis Bideman, of this borough. Mr. Saylor had instituted proceedings against Mr. Bideman to dispossess him of his farm, alleging violation of some of the terms of the lease. The case was continued until to-morrow, when the Magistrate will listen to the arguments of the lawyers—T. L. Hallman and H. Freedley for the plaintiff, and H. I. Fox for the defendant—and announce his decision.

Mrs. Miller Entertains Thespians.

The Thespian club spent a very pleasant evening last Friday at the home of Mrs. Ralph Miller. Attractive decorations were in evidence. The favor was won by Miss Hattie Fetterolf. Not the least enjoyable feature were the delectable refreshments.

Appointed Supervisor.

The court has appointed Albert Hiser Supervisor of Lower Providence to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. E. Bean, who is about to remove to Reading.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. It's the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis, hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FREELAND SEMINARY.

On June 8, 1910, there will be celebrated in this borough the sixtieth anniversary of Freeland Seminary and the fortieth anniversary of Ursinus College. The former institution was established in 1848 by Abraham Hunsicker, a bishop of the Mennonite Church, and was continued in successful operation for a period of twenty years when Ursinus College was founded and Freeland Seminary became the preparatory department of the College.

Freeland Seminary was a popular school in its day. Students of both English and German communities between the Susquehanna and the Delaware, parts of New Jersey and Maryland, flocked to this well known boarding school.

The students are inspired by their principal, Henry A. Hunsicker, and their teachers, to ideals of virtue and patriotism. When the war broke out, twenty-six boys left to join the army in a single day. The students bought books of military tactics. Daily drills were practiced. Speakers on Abolition were welcomed to the Seminary.

The enrollment of the old school contains many names that have become noteworthy, among whom may be mentioned the scientists, Hoffman, Moyer and Rothrock; the jurists and barristers, Massey, Swartz, Albright, Gotwals, Strassburger, Vanderslice, Snyder, Hunsicker, Corson, Kratz, March, and Hobson; the journalists, Marseilles and Hoover; in the political arena, H. H. Fetterolf and A. D. Fetterolf, Faust, Urner, Linderman, Boyer, and the McVeaghs; the bankers, Prizer and Christman; the educators, Brunner, Leister, Weis, and A. H. Fetterolf; the physicians, Todd, Groff, Sheetz, Oberholzer, Prizer, Mensch, Kratz, Wenrich, Ashenfelter, Knipe, Johnson, and Schrack; the ministers, Coffman, Shelly, Landis, Hendricks, Apple, Fox, and Trexler. General John R. Brooke was among those who became vested with military glory.

An effort is being made to have every living son of Freeland Seminary present on the Anniversary Day, June 8.

The Committee having the arrangements in charge consist of George Leslie Omwake, Vice President of Ursinus College, Henry A. Hunsicker, former Principal of Freeland Seminary, John M. Vanderslice, Esq., a former student of Freeland, and Rev. J. W. Meminger, D. D., a graduate of Ursinus College.

Annual Dinner of Ursinus College Association—Donation of \$10,000 Announced.

The thirteenth annual dinner of the Ursinus College Association of Philadelphia was held Friday night at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia. Dr. Wm. F. Ruff was toastmaster. Those who made addresses were President Keigwin, Franklin S. Edmonds and Dr. Edgar F. Smith. An original poem was read by Augustus Wight Bomberger. The officers elected Friday night were: President, the Rev. Geo. W. Henson; Vice President, the Rev. B. F. Paiste; Secretary and treasurer, M. R. Longstreth.

Announcement was made of a donation of \$10,000 to the Ursinus Endowment Fund by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll in memory of her father, Christopher Barth.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DEATHS.

William H. Stroud died at his home in this borough on Saturday, aged 62 years. Cancer of the liver was the cause of death. The deceased, who was formerly and for a number of years proprietor of the Railroad House, this borough, leaves a wife and four children—Wm. L., a broker, of Philadelphia; Madge S., Ruth E., and Roy E., at home. The funeral was held on Wednesday of this week at 1 p. m.; all services at the house. Interment in Trinity church cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Emanuel Buckwalter died Monday at his home, near Yerkess, aged 69 years. For the past 14 years Mr. Buckwalter was an invalid and confined to his room and bed, his wife faithfully serving as nurse. Deceased is survived by his wife; one sister, Mrs. E. D. Lachman of this borough, and two brothers—Charles of Mont Clare, and David of this borough. The funeral will be held this Thursday at one o'clock p. m.; all services at the Mennonite church and cemetery, Yerkess; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Florence Simons died on Friday of diphtheria at the home of the parents, Royersford, aged 2 years. No funeral. Interment Sunday at Fernwood cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Mary E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Harley of Upper Providence, died Sunday, aged 13 years. The funeral was held on Wednesday of this week; services at the Lutheran church and cemetery, Trappe; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Owen Evans, of Linfield, died of heart affection Sunday night, aged 74 years. Two sons and one daughter survive. The funeral was held at 3 p. m., on Wednesday of this week. Services at Limerick Centre church and cemetery; F. W. Shalkop in charge.

David Y. Mowday, for 52 years the leading undertaker and furniture dealer of Norristown, died Sunday night, aged 76 years. Four sons and one daughter survive. During his long career as undertaker Mr. Mowday had charge of 15,000 funerals. He was a highly esteemed and very useful and public-spirited citizen.

Mary Lydia Boyer Weand, wife of Judge Henry K. Weand of Norristown, died Saturday evening. The husband and three children survive.

State Roadways.

The State Highway Department invites proposals for the construction of roadways in Springfield and Lower Pottsgrove townships. In Springfield there is to be 10,000 feet of macadam roadway built on the road extending from the Cheltenham township line to the White-moore township line; and in Lower Pottsgrove 10,781 feet on the road extending from the Ridge road to the Hanover township line.

County Bonds Cremated.

At noon on Wednesday of last week bonds representing before cancellation \$75,000 were burned in the furnace fire in the basement of the court house, Norristown, in the presence of Commissioners Krewson, Saylor and Christman. The bonds were a part of the issue of 1890 necessitated by improvements to the court house.

Will Take Possession of Railroad House.

Joseph Schell, the new proprietor of the Railroad House, this borough, will take possession of the property next Monday. The retiring landlord, Hamilton Harding, and his family, will either locate somewhere in this neighborhood or remove to Norristown.

BASEBALL.

URSINUS GIVES PRINCETON A SCARE.—
COLLEGEVILLE H. S. DEFEATS
NORRISTOWN TEAM.

The baseball team of Ursinus College went up against one of the strongest combinations in the collegiate world on Saturday at Princeton, N. J., but put up a splendid exhibition and held their opponents to the close score of 4 to 3. Princeton had defeated everything that had come along this season by scores that were decisive and frequently very one-sided, but the tigers came very close to having their claws clipped when Coach Price's understudies were encountered. All of Princeton's runs were made in the first inning. Two scratch hits and several misplays netted the Tigers 4 runs. From then on Princeton was blanked. Horton pitched a wonderful game for Ursinus and allowed but two solid hits. The Princeton pitchers had Ursinus guessing most of the time and but three hits were secured. Star did some sensational base-running. Slonaker relieved Thomasson at short stop after the third inning. To-day the team begins a series of games in the south central section of Pennsylvania, including Mercersburg, Gettysburg, and Dickinson.

Collegeville High School opened the season on Saturday with the West End of Norristown. The game was played at home and the local club won, 10 to 9. Walt and H. Mathieu were the pitchers for the High School nine and Austerberry the catcher. Though the fielding was ragged at times their showing was encouraging. If the school team arranges the home games for times when there are no attractions at the college they have a right to expect the attendance of the local baseball followers.

Woman Sues Sister-in-Law.

The identity of the person suspected of sending anonymous letters to Mrs. John Lightenberger, of Norristown, and of making remarks reflecting on her character and social standing was disclosed Friday when papers were filed by her in the Norristown courts against her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Lightenberger, in a suit for \$5000 damages for alleged defamation of character. Both parties to the proceeding are prominently known in Norristown. Both are the wives of well-to-do men. Both have many friends. One of the alleged scurrilous reports started is said to have related to Mrs. John Lightenberger's mode of living prior to her marriage.

Accident to Engine Company Driver Proved Fatal.

Wm. W. Beard, driver for the Fairmount Engine Company, of Norristown, who was fatally injured in a runaway accident at noon Friday, died shortly before three o'clock in the afternoon, at Charity Hospital. The cause of death was extreme shock caused by the man's severe injuries and internal hurts. The man's injuries were of a most painful nature. He sustained a fracture of the right leg, a compound fracture of the right arm, in addition to several cuts and internal injuries. The heavy wagon, containing a stone weighing several tons, passed directly over his body. He was 42 years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters.

Preachers Will Talk About Tuberculosis.

As a result of letters issued by President H. Willis Bland, of the Tuberculosis Aid Society of Berks county, at least 75 ministers in that county will preach sermons about the war against the white plague in Berks county, and its cure, to their congregations within the next two weeks. Ninety preachers have been reached and many letters have been received promising support in the movement.

JESSE MOYER STRICKEN ON HIGHWAY--DEATH CAME SOON.

Monday evening Jesse Moyer, while driving two cows and a calf for Mr. Mitterling from Perkiomen, Bridge hotel to Frank Ruth's place above Trappe, was seen to fall upon Main street in the upper part of that borough. Linn Anderson, who happened near, reported what he saw at Miller's Lamb hotel and Dr. W. Z. Anders was promptly summoned. Soon after the Dr. arrived Mr. Moyer died. Undertaker Shalkop removed the remains to his establishment and on Tuesday Coroner King made an investigation, deciding that death was due to too much exertion for an affected heart. The deceased, who was well known about here and in Skippack, and who was at home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swartley of near Evansburg for a number of years past, was about 50 years of age. Deceased is survived by a number of nieces residing in Norristown, including Mrs. Frank Heaven. Funeral services and interment this Thursday at 1 p. m. at the lower Mennonite meetinghouse and cemetery, Skippack; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Railroad Commission Refuses to Order Reduction of Fare Between Collegeville and Norristown.

Burgess H. H. Fetterolf is in receipt of a communication containing the information that the State Railway Commission had decided that the fare zones of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company between Norristown and Collegeville are not shorter than the fare limits of other trolley lines in the State and that the three five-cent fares are not considered excessive by the Commission. As is known, this action of the Commission is the outcome of an appeal made by a number of citizens and the Town Council of this borough. It is also announced that the Commission made several other rulings, including an order that the issuing of minors tickets at reduced rates, since "the restricted sale of such tickets is discriminatory and unlawful," must be stopped. This ruling sustains the Montgomery County Rapid Transit Company in its present refusal to give reduced rates to school children of Worcester township.

Democratic Candidate in Third District.

Henry Wilson Bergey, of Lansdale has announced himself as a candidate for Assembly in the third district of the county on the Democratic ticket. His platform is "special privileges to none, equal opportunities for all." He intends to make a thorough canvass of his district and expects to secure the nomination at the primaries in June. He is a member of the large Bergey family in this county and is well and popularly known.

Suicide.

Tuesday morning John M. Ritterhouse, a well-to-do farmer of near Fairview Village, Worcester, committed suicide by hanging. His body was found suspended in the cow stable. He was 63 years of age and was a sufferer from Bright's disease and despondency.

Mock Court Trial.

At a meeting of the Crescent Literary Society at the Mennonite schoolhouse near Yerkess, next Saturday evening, April 16, arrangements will be made for holding a mock court trial. All who desire to participate in the trial are invited to be present.

The Call of the Blood

for purification, finds voice in pimples, boils, scallow complexion, a audacious look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of liver trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills make rich red blood; give clear skin, rosy cheeks, fine complexion, health. Try them. 25c. at J. W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

THE INDEPENDENT

TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR
IN ADVANCE.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, pastor. Morning service and sermon, 10:30. Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. O. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior O. E. at 7 p. m.

St. Paul's Memorial Church, near Oaks Station, Rev. G. W. Barnes, Rector. Sunday Services—10:30 a. m.; 3:30 p. m. Sunday School—2:15 p. m. Vested choir. Free sittings. Cordial welcome. The Rector residing in the parish, will be pleased to receive calls for visitations or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8:45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. G. E. prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7:03, 7:46, 11:27 a. m., 6:05 p. m. Sunday—7:13 a. m., 6:38 p. m. For Allentown: 7:45, 11:22 a. m., 2:57, 6:05 p. m. Sundays—9:02 a. m., 7:30 p. m.

LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE NEWS.

Decomposed Body Found on Dam Breast.

Thursday morning the decomposed body of a man, evidently a Poleander, was found floating in the Schuylkill river on the dam breast, near West Conshohocken. The remains could not be identified at the time, and Coroner King has been investigating the case.

Ursinus Glee Club at Norristown.

The Ursinus College Glee Club Orchestra on Tuesday evening gave a concert in the Haws Avenue Lutheran church, Norristown. The entertainment was well attended and the organization took well. The Club made the trip in a special car and were accompanied by a number of their local admirers.

Old Deeds.

Some people labor under the delusion that the recording of a deed is a waste of time and money. Among the deeds left at the Recorder's office at Harrisburg last week to be recorded were 21 for three tracts of land, two in Swatara township and one in East Hanover township. There were seven deeds for each tract and some of them were made in 1814, 1816 and 1827 and had never been recorded.

Corn Growing Contest.

The Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association announces prizes for its Corn-Growing Competition this year. Valuable cups and cash prizes are awarded to the farmers who produce the best yields. Yield counts 70 points, economy of production 20 points, sample of corn 5 points, and report 5 points. Blanks for report are furnished by the Association. No entrance or other fees. One acre must be planted and it may be a part of a field of corn. The men who win these prizes will have a mighty good market for their crop, as farmers are all looking for the corn that yields the most. Last year's first prize went to Crawford county, in the northwestern part of the State. For full particulars apply to E. S. Bayard, Secretary, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.

Painting Peach Trees.

A Westmorland county farmer (Livermore being his post office) painted his peach trees with white lead, and then having read that State Zoologist Surface is opposed to the application of oils to the tender bark of the peach trees wrote, in great alarm, to the Professor, asking what could be done to save the trees from being ruined. Professor Surface allayed his fears by giving him the following information: "Replying to your letter making inquiry as to whether or not you have made a mistake by painting your peach trees with raw linseed oil and white lead to prevent borers, I beg to say that you have made no mistake by so doing. Two years ago I painted a number of my peach trees with this material, and repeated it on some of them a year

later. Last summer I took from them a nice crop of peaches, and the trees are still healthy and apparently uninjured. There were but few borers in them, and I consider it the best possible preventive of borers in the trees of any and all kinds. This was merely an application of a coating of raw linseed oil and pure white lead on the trunks of the trees to just beneath the former surface of the ground. Apply it not later than the middle of June, and repeat it about the middle of August. It will also prevent injury to trees by rabbits and mice.

"When I said, 'Keep oils off peach trees,' I had reference to spray liquids. No oil sprays of any kind should be used on peach or plum trees."

Court Believed the Wife.

Though he sent a registered letter purporting to contain \$80 allowance ordered by court, the fact that his wife declares the envelope contained no money, compels T. Arthur Rowland, the Green Tree Hotel man, to pay the disputed amount in a way which will leave no doubt. "We believe the wife," said Judge Swartz, "when she says the money was not received by her. Whether the defendant placed any money in the envelope it is not necessary to decide at this time. He was informed by the wife that the letter contained no money, and yet he made no effort through the postal authorities to ascertain whether the package was disturbed. He made no complaint whatever because he felt satisfied she received the money. He paid nothing for four months and then adopted a method in sending the money that differed from his accustomed usage in paying his bills. We give him 15 days to pay the \$80."

County S. S. Association.

The next session of the Montgomery County Sunday School Association will be held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Conshohocken, Thursday and Friday, May twenty-six and twenty-seven. The convention will open Thursday evening with a great rally of adult Bible class members and workers.

On Friday the advanced features of the modern Sunday School will be discussed by the experts in the various departments. The session Friday evening will be of special interest, as it will be an echo meeting of the great world's Sunday School convention held in Washington, D. C., May 19-24. The principal speaker at this meeting will be Mr. W. G. Landis, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association. All Sunday Schools in this county are requested to send delegates to this convention. A full program is being prepared which will be sent to the schools later.

Woman Suffrage.

The Norristown and Collegeville Woman Suffrage Association held its closing meeting for the season on Wednesday afternoon of last week in Y. M. C. A. parlor, Norristown. A new member was added to the roll. A committee was appointed to arrange for a social meeting in the near future. The committee on "Peace and Arbitration" was asked to prepare a program for a special meeting on May 18. The county convention will be held on May 27. Miss Alice Paul, of Moorestown, New Jersey, lately released from an English prison, will be the principal speaker. Miss Thomas reported that the fourth volume of the "History of Woman Suffrage" was presented to the Norristown Library on February 15. Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley's valuable paper on "Civil Service Reform in the United States" was read by Miss Thomas. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mary R. Livezey; Vice President, Mrs. Martha E. Platt; Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret Blackfan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ellen L. Thomas; Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah H. Longstreth; Executive Committee: Mrs. Margaret Moser, Mrs. Sarah P. Simpson, Mrs. Mary L. Roberts, Mrs. Sarah W. Evans, Mrs. Ellen C. Jones.

The trouble among the pole-planters and wire-workers who are running a line from Reading to the trolley sub-station near Pottstown has been adjusted and all will soon be ready for connection with the big Klappertal power station.

From Correspondents.

TRAPPE.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wismer, of Graterford, were the guests of Miss Sue Fry, Sunday.

A number of new hitching posts have been placed in the yard of the Lutheran church.

Mrs. F. J. Clamer, chairman, reports a donation of \$16.50 from the Lutheran church to Charity Hospital.

Harry, Herman, and Percy Mathieu spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

The Trappe grammar school nine played ball with the Bechtel's school nine, at Mingo, Saturday. Score 6 to 2 in favor of the latter team.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gouldy of Graterford, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pennypacker of Ironbridge, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Moyer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrick and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Harley, Sunday.

Miss Irene Jones, of Conshohocken, was the guest of Miss Lillian Heffelfinger, Sunday.

Isaiah Reiff has taken possession of the mill he purchased at Kimberton, Chester county. His family will move to the mill premises in the near future.

The presence of an Oil Company representative last week, has introduced a discussion of the street oiling question.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bromer, of Schwenksville, were the guests of Mr. Philip Willard, Monday.

Edgar Schatz is spending the week in Allentown.

Jonas Fisher sold fifteen horses at public sale at Beckman's hotel last Thursday at prices ranging \$145 to \$239. Harry Saylor purchased a horse at private sale of Mr. Fisher, Monday.

Elmer Poley is building an overshoot to M. B. Schrack's barn.

Miss Andora Pennypacker is on the sick list.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Willing Workers of the U. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. Tyson on Saturday, April 16.

Elmer S. Poley is building an addition to John Nace's house.

Robert Parks has received inquiries from Philadelphia, Phoenixville, and Royersford as to the building lots he is advertising for sale in the INDEPENDENT. If you have anything to sell, advertise.

The real estate market in this borough has been booming the past week. G. Guy Miller has sold the Lamb hotel to Senator C. D. Devlin, of Philadelphia, for \$16,500, and has purchased Robert Merrifield's property, containing 10 acres and fine improvements for \$6,500. Mr. Miller has also purchased two building lots of Robert Parks upon which he intends to build a manufacturing plant. By the way, Mr. Miller, in another column, announces his candidacy for the Legislature in this district, subject to Republican rules. He intends to engage in a vigorous campaign for the nomination.

SKIPPAK.

S. A. Metz is making repairs to his tenant houses.

Wayne Alderfer is preparing to move.

Mrs. Wayne Alderfer called on Mrs. Claude Bachert, Monday evening.

German preaching service was held Sunday at the home of M. H. Custer by Rev. Rinebold, of Lansdale. Rev. Rinebold is pastor of the M. E. church, Worcester, where communion service will be held on Sunday, April 17. The presiding elder, Rev. Shively, of Allentown, will be present.

The Fire Company held a business meeting on Monday evening.

The farmers are plowing down sod in preparation for corn planting.

Perkiomen creamery paid 46 cents per pound for butter fat last month.

Geo. P. Bible, of Philadelphia, the wonderful humorous lecturer and entertainer will lecture in Forrey's hall next Saturday evening, April 16, under the auspices of the Skippack Alumni Association. Admission 20 cents. Don't Miss it.

IRONBRIDGE.

Henry J. Herber, a student at Ursinus College, will preach in Ironbridge chapel, Sunday evening, April 17.

The woodhouse on Marie Hunsicker's premises burned on Monday. The fire was caused by burning brush. Serious results would have followed had not help arrived in time.

On Saturday evening while passing a train on the gravel pike, opposite the station, George Cassel's horse took fright and began kicking. Miss Susie Kulp jumped out of the wagon. The horse was thrown and the wagon upset, but no damage was done.

Mr. Elmer Undercoffer and Miss Mary Rawn, of Schwenksville, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Undercoffer, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Love, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sophia Undercoffer.

The abscess on his jaw caused by a broken tooth has opened and John Pennypacker is feeling much better.

M. T. Hunsicker's felon is slowly improving.

Paul Nace has purchased a horse.

Geo. B. Schlotterer, of Allentown, spent Sunday with W. K. Schlotterer.

Misses May H. Hunsicker and Clara P. Kline spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

Chas. W. Reuter has sold his property to Mr. Oneil, of Philadelphia, who will take possession about the first of May.

SCHWENKSVILLE.

While out driving, Sunday, Mr. Gotwals of Yerkes narrowly escaped serious injury. Near John Wismer's place, just below this borough, his horse frightened at an automobile and jumped a fence. The carriage was completely wrecked. Mr. Gotwals escaped with a bruise.

Wm. Bromer received his new Hayne automobile.

G. M. Carl had a Bell 'phone placed in the Perkiomen Inn.

Peter S. Boyer was seventy-five years old, Wednesday of last week. He is a veteran of the civil war.

Grover Schlotterer is about to resign his position at John Rahn's store.

A package party was held in Bean's hall, Saturday evening.

A meeting of the Young People's Guild was held at Ex-Governor Pennypacker's home, Saturday. Next meeting on May 14 at the new Lutheran parsonage.

Four of John Swinehart's children are ill with measles.

Fine entertainment in Bean's hall, Saturday evening, April 16. Admission, 15 and 10 cents.

I. S. Schwenk has been elected a member of the School Board to fill the vacancy due to the death of Squire Miller.

Mary and Catharine Schlotterer, of Phoenixville, were in town on Sunday.

May Burnes, of Philadelphia, visited her parents on Sunday.

Mrs. John Halling recently entertained Debbie Snyder of Lederachville, Mamie Undercoffer of Ironbridge, and Mary T. Miller, of Limerick.

Dr. J. M. Markley, of Graterford, has purchased a building lot at the corner of second and Maple streets. He intends to build a residence thereon.

Of the 38 pupils of the Mine Hill school, 25 are afflicted with measles and detained at home.

Services in the Lutheran church next Sunday at 10:15 a. m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

One Boy Drowned—Two Boys Rescued.

One boy seeking to escape from the Catholic Rectory, at Flatland, was drowned in the Schuylkill river near the institution Tuesday and two were saved by Brother Michael, a member of the Society of Christian Brothers, under whose charge the institution is conducted. Realizing the runaways' danger, he plunged into the stream and rescued the others, but was too much exhausted to bring the third to shore. He was nearly drowned himself before help arrived and drew him to the bank.

LIMERICK.

H. F. Stauffer spent Sunday at Bally, Berks county.

Lewis Schott is on the sick list. There is an epidemic of measles in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stearly and daughter spent Sunday with Irvin Hunsicker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gephart and daughter and Mrs. Marsteller and grandson, Leslie Mitchell, were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wise, Sunday.

LeRoy Holt, of Philadelphia, was in town on Sunday.

Miss Cathryn Umstead, of Norristown, recently spent a few days with Miss Anna Taylor.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Derr was held Saturday morning and was largely attended. Services and interment at St. James' Lutheran church and cemetery.

Mrs. Geo. Moyer, of Fruitville, spent Monday with Mrs. J. P. Rosenberger.

Butcher Miller has had his delivery wagon repainted, and Edward Tyson has had his road cart done up in attractive colors.

Mrs. Mary Stultz and Mrs. L. A. Shiffert spent Sunday with Mr. Jacob Smoyer.

Mrs. Heft visited Mrs. Marsteller on Sunday.

Master Frank Schlichter has hired himself for the summer to H. L. Kohl.

N. A. Yerger spent Friday night with Albert Drace.

Mrs. Jane Hagerty and daughter Edith, of Philadelphia, visited Miss Mary Fritz, Saturday and Sunday.

The Limerick baseball team expect to play a game here on Saturday. On Saturday following they will go to Pottstown where they expect to wallopp the Fairview nine. On the 30th the Fairview boys will come to Limerick for another tussle. Our boys will be at Sanatoga on May 7. Manager David Wise still has open a number of dates open for his Limerick team and will be pleased to hear from other nines.

The "Arabian Nights."

The collection of tales called the "Thousand and One Nights," or the "Arabian Nights," is of unknown date and authorship. It was first made known in Europe about the end of the seventeenth century by Antoine Galland, who was employed by Colbert to collect manuscripts in the east. The copy of the Arabic manuscript brought by Galland from Syria contained a marginal note dated 1584, and from internal evidence the middle of the fifteenth century has been fixed upon as the probable period of the composition of the work. Some of the tales were evidently borrowed by the writer from other authors, and Von Hammer identifies at least the plot and some of the stories of the "Arabian Nights" with an earlier collection in Persian called the "Thousand Fanciful Stories."

April Fooling.

The origin of the custom of April fooling cannot be traced with any degree of certainty. In the literature of the last century there are found many references to it, and yet beyond that it is scarcely possible to go. One suggestion is that the custom of playing tricks on the first day of April was derived from some ancient pagan custom, such as the Huli festival among the Hindus or the Roman feast of the fools. One fact, however, we do know, and that is that the practice prevails in many countries under various names which would seem to indicate that it dates away back to the early history of the race.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Four Extremes.

The coldest place on earth inhabited by man is Verkhoyansk, above the arctic circle, in northeastern Siberia. The thermometer there drops to 90 degrees below zero in January, but sometimes rises to 86 degrees above zero in the shade in July, dropping, however, to the freezing point on the warmest summer nights. The hottest place in the world is the interior of the great Sahara desert, in Africa, where the thermometer rises to 122 degrees. The wettest place is Greytown, Nicaragua, where the mean annual rainfall is 230 inches. The place of least rain is Port Nolloth, in South Africa, where less than an inch sometimes falls in a year.

All For Love.

"Did you ever know a girl to die for love?"
"Yes."
"Did she just fade away and die because some man deserted her?"
"No; she just took in washing and worked herself to death because the man she loved married her."—Houston Post.

A Cruel Hint.

Nell—Harry had such a masterful way about his proposing that I liked. Belle—Did you? That's queer, for it was exactly what made most of us other girls turn him down.—Baltimore American.

Live as though life was earnest and life will be so.—Owen Meredith.

EVANSBURG.

The Gerber family have returned to their summer residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, and daughter, and Jacob Thomas, of Wayne, visited R. R. Thomas on Sunday.

A. E. Barker and family attended the wedding of Thomas Barker of West Chester last Thursday.

Anna Bergman spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Sheas, of Valley Forge.

The basket social at Burn's, near Providence Square, was quite a success Saturday evening.

The Literary Society of the local school will hold their last meeting on Friday, April 15. All welcome.

Leroy Wanner and Mary Klausfelder spent Sunday with Jesse Wanner, Sr.

Mr. Barker Sr., is visiting his son, Alpheus Barker, this week.

Miss Lenora Casselberry visited her parents on Saturday and Sunday.

OAKS.

After summer then winter, and our March summer ended quickly with the advent of April, which brought a remarkable change in temperature. Frost Saturday morning, and rain throughout the day. April could be classed with winter as cold as it was Thursday, and we were badly fooled.

The School Board met Saturday at Black Rock.

Mrs. Henry Woolbert and daughter Etta of West Philadelphia visited Dr. and Mrs. Brown on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Sell will move to Philadelphia. Mrs. Mary Ellis will move in the house vacated by Sell, and Mrs. Shunk will occupy the house vacated by Mrs. Ellis.

Albert Ellis entered Williamson's Trade School last week.

Levi Keller, of Kenilworth, is putting down a well for Doctor Brown. The well will be drilled deep enough to have a continual flow of water to guard against a dry spell like unto that of last Fall, when about everybody was without water. The water question is getting to be a most serious problem, and the dry weather in March is an incentive to those who can afford it to dig deep as this old earth is fairly drying up, and should a red-hot meteor hit us will set things on fire.

We read of so many leaving the farms and going to the cities. If we were not so old we would go to farming, on a farm—ten acres enough. We could raise enough to eat surely, and then there's a chance a Democratic administration will rule, without Roosevelt rules the land. The Payne-Aldrich tariff has blackjacked the consumer. Taft will hardly succeed himself.

The Park presents a pretty scene, as the George Washington cherry trees are in bloom, and the dogwood also. Wild flowers of every description—anemones, quaker lady, blood root, trailing arbutus—presented a lovely scene. The warm weather in March and the fore part of April rushed the buds and blossoms only to be destroyed by April and May frosts.

What a hula-balloo over the placing of General Lee's statue in the Hall of Fame at Washington, D. C. The only objection we have is to the Rebel uniform; any man who fights against his own country is a rebel. It would be excusable without the uniform. No one objects if the statue of Lee would be placed on the battlefield at Gettysburg, and no one would object to it remaining right where it is without the uniform of the C. S. A. and in the uniform of the U. S. A.

That dog that bit us carried home a load of shot the other day. Some satisfaction, we should say; though we were not the guilty one.

It is time Teddy was coming home and bring order out of chaos.

Dr. and George Brown attended the smoker given by Camp 322, P. O. S. of A., in Penn Square last Monday night one week ago. The Patriotic Order Sons of America are having a sort of a revival amongst them.

It is reported a company is to turn the Montello Brick Plant into a pipe mill, not for the manufacture of corncob pipes, but all kinds of iron pipes.

Next Sunday the bridge and track of Pennsy R. R. over the Perkiomen will be moved several feet down stream to make room for the concrete work.

General Fisher delivered a lecture in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Valley Forge, Saturday evening. His subject: "My Escape from Libby Prison." A charge of admission of 25 cents to the lecture; benefit of the Matthews' Library at Valley Forge.

Mr. Lund, proprietor of the Worsteds Mills at Valley Forge, has revived the old town and boomed business. Has built a new residence there. Is building an addition to his mill, and has stirred the people up to the fact that only live men live for the good of any place.

The bicycle scouts were out Saturday afternoon armed to the teeth on a sort of dress parade, as several mill ducks were seen on the Perkiomen.

—It is worth while to own farms in Western Pennsylvania. One farmer will receive \$95,000 for his coal in the buying up of lands in the Blacklick district, west of Ebensburg, by Eastern capitalists. Another will receive \$45,000 and still another \$30,000. A total of \$1,000,000 will change hands as the result of the negotiations.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Lebanon County Cows!



Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1910, at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, one carload of large, straight Lebanon county fresh cows—well shaped and big milk and butter producers, the kind farmers and dairymen are always looking for. Also one stock bull. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer. M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF INDIANA COUNTY

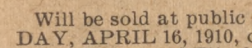
Cows, Shoats and Pigs!



Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1910, at Longaker's hotel, Limerick Centre, one carload of extra good Indiana county stock—15 fresh and springer cows, and 100 shoats and pigs. Farmers, here is an opportunity to get just what you are looking for. Sale at 1.30. Conditions by J. D. McKALIP. F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer. M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!



Will be sold at public sale on SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1910, on the premises of Jonas Moyer and Elizabeth S. Moyer, his wife, situated partly in Upper Providence and Limerick townships, the following articles: Sorrel horse, 13 years old; one set light double harness, set single harness, set express harness, double-seated phaeton, buggy, carriage pole, oats by the bushel, lot of chickens, guineas, mowing machine, two-horse cultivator, 10 milk cans, etc. HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Sideboard, good as new; sink, 2 porch rockers, some jars and pots, copper kettle and stirrer, milk cooler, bedstead and some articles too numerous to mention. Sale at 1.30 o'clock p. m. Conditions by ELIZABETH S. MOYER. Wayne Pierson, auct. W. F. Driebelbis, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Household Goods!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1910, at No. 220 Forrest avenue, Norristown, at 1 p. m., sharp, the following household goods: Two fine quartered oak bedroom suites, fine parlor suite, wardrobe, extension table, sideboard, rocking, dining-room, and kitchen chairs, large chest, refrigerator, fine white enameled bedstead, mattresses, springs, bolsters, pillows, Demorest drop head sewing machine, new; Brussels, Ingrain and hall carpets, new; pictures, mirrors, fine dishes and glassware, kitchen utensils, gas range cook stove, washing machine, copper wash boiler, tubs, and everything to be found in a well-furnished house; all to be sold for cash.

DAVID KRATZ, For Jacob K. Miller, owner.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF

Valuable Real Estate!

Will be sold on the premises, on SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1910, all that certain messuage or tenement and tract of land situate partly in the township of Limerick and partly in the township of Upper Providence, county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, containing about thirty-nine acres of land, more or less. The improvements consist of a stone dwelling house, frame barn, silo and other outbuildings. This property is situated in the garden spot of Montgomery county, the land is very productive, is within two-and-a-half miles of the borough of Royersford, and one mile of the Schuylkill Valley trolley, thus affording easy access to churches, schools, the markets of Royersford and Philadelphia, and several creameries. Sale to commence at 1.30 o'clock p. m., when conditions will be made known by the assignee.

This property will be sold as the assigned estate of Jonas S. Moyer and Elizabeth S. Moyer, his wife, and will be sold clear of all encumbrances, the purchaser to pay the price or sum of his bid, and in accordance with the other conditions of sale. At the same time and place the following personal property will also be offered, to wit: Ten milk cans.

B. FRANK ROBLER, Assignee. Wayne Pierson, Auctioneer. H. L. Shomo, Attorney.

FOR SALE.

A lot of straight and tangled rye straw. Apply to WILIAM FIE, Collegeville, Pa. The Bartholomew Farm. 4-14-3t.

FOR SALE.

A new Walter Wood mowing machine—a good mower at the right price. Apply to HORACE J. SMITH, Upper Providence. R. D. 3, Royersford, Pa. 4-7.

FOR SALE.

Corn and cornfodder. Apply to IRVIN C. CASSADAY, Trappe 3-31.

FOR SALE!

Twelve fine, acclimated work horses, all to be as guaranteed. Come and make your selection. The prices are right. Also, a lot of fine mammoth yellow seed corn. Apply at PEARLSTINE'S FARM, Near Landess' Mill. (3-31) Yerkess.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Eggs for hatching from Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, good strains, for sale at 60 and 75 cents per setting or \$4 per hundred, straight. H. M. SLOTTERRER, Collegeville, Pa. 3-31.

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.

A few choice lots \$583.00 each, within three minutes' walk of trolley in borough of Trappe. Good location, splendid view; prices reasonable. Apply to R. F. PARKS, Trappe, Pa. 3-24.

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Stone dwelling house located on Main street, Collegeville, containing 11 rooms. One of the most prominent locations in the borough. Apply to A. D. FETTEROLF, Collegeville, Pa. 12-16.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—75 cts. for 15; \$4 per hundred. Orders received now for 2-day old chicks, one hundred—ten dollars; fifty for six dollars. All from regular egg machines. H. R. PARKER, Trappe, Pa. 2-10-3m.

POLITICAL.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE, Third District.

John H. Bartman, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Subject to the rules of the Republican party. Primary election, June 4, 1910. 3-31.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE, (Third District.)

G. GUY MILLER, OF TRAPPE; subject to strict Republican rules. Primary election: June 4, 1910.

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An Exception.

Little Joe—Say, papa, is it true that history repeats itself? Papa—So they say, my boy. Little Joe—Well, mine don't when I'm trying to learn it.—Exchange.

Later Returns.

Mildred—So you are engaged to young Willson, eh? I thought you said your love for him was purely platonic? Helen—And it was before he inherited half a million and asked me to marry him.—Chicago News.

Keeping It Dark.

Miss Kidder—S'hl! Carrie has dyed her hair black. Don't tell anybody. Miss Askitt—Is it a secret? Miss Kidder—Yes. She wants to keep it dark.—Boston Globe.

A TIMELESS WORLD.

What Would Happen if We Were Entirely Inclosed by Clouds.

If astronomers are right in ascribing the wonderful brightness of Venus to the existence of an atmosphere continually filled with clouds, then she must be a world without time—at least there can be no measurement of time there such as we have here.

It is because we can see the sun and the stars that we are able to traverse the oceans and run railroad trains across the continents.

Surround our earth with an 'unbroken shell of clouds and what would become of all our clocks and chronometers? Not a ship could safely cross the sea; not a railroad would be able to run its trains without a series of frightful wrecks. In a few weeks every clock and watch would be hopelessly wrong and all exact timekeeping would cease.

Probably there are few who stop to think of the way in which our everyday life depends upon astronomical observations. Our great primary timekeeper is the earth rotating on its axis. If we could not see the sun and stars because of clouds we should not know that the earth rotates and there would be no standard to which we could refer our timepieces and by which we could correct them. In fact, we should probably have no timepieces.

There could be no hours and minutes, for they are exact divisions of an ideal day based upon celestial observations which would be impossible to us.

They could not be based upon clocks or other mechanical devices, because the most exquisite chronometer that can be constructed will not keep time indefinitely and must be continually corrected by means of observations of the stars made in the observatories.

There could be no accurate maps of countries or charts of the seas, for such maps and charts can be made only by the aid of astronomical observations.

There could be no parallels of latitude or meridians of longitude, for they, too, are based on celestial observations which would be impossible to us.

We should not know with any certainty where we were upon the earth. We could not measure the distance from New York to London nor from New York to San Francisco.

Poetical minds, moved by the spectacle of Venus in her glory, have drawn brilliant pictures of the delights of life in that radiant world, but there is another side to the question of which we may well think as we gaze admiringly upon her electric splendor.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York American.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Thursday, April 7.

Customs officials at San Francisco booted \$23,000 worth of contraband opium and poured the valuable drug into the sewers.

While roller skating in the street at Harrisburg, Pa., Genevieve Gano, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Rev. G. R. Gano, of Carlisle was run down by a street car and killed.

Thomas Noel, one of the colored men under sentence of death who escaped from the Norfolk, Va., county jail March 30, was captured in Drummonds' woods, on the outskirts of Norfolk. He was shot with a revolver and a shotgun and is dying.

Friday, April 8.

It was announced that the engineers of the Central Railway of Georgia will be given an increase in wages of 5 per cent.

In a wreck on the Georgia railroad near Berzella, Ga., two men were killed and one white man and four negroes seriously hurt.

Frank Stachura, six years old, died in Chicago from drinking whisky. The police have begun an investigation of a story that two men forced the liquor down the boy's throat.

Ten men were buried when the roof of the new car barn of the Shore Line Trolley company at Saybrook, Conn., fell in. Jerry Kahan, superintendent of the barn, was killed, his neck and back being broken.

Saturday, April 9.

John Chismadya and Joseph Hamlock were arrested at Joliet, Ill., on a charge of blowing up the bank at Coal City.

The farm house in which Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was born on July 16, 1821, at Bow, N. H., was burned. The house had been occupied lately by Walter Perrigo and his family.

The estate of Annie Hays Byers, of Pittsburg, worth \$100,000, is to be divided between the Western Humane society and the Pittsburg Hospital for Children, according to the will.

John Osborne, a Civil War veteran, an inmate of the National Soldiers' home near Johnson City, Tenn., was shot and killed just outside the home. Charles Sellers, a young man, was arrested near the scene, suspected of the crime.

Monday, April 11.

Disappointed in love, Michael Haselbar sent two big snakes in a box to Rosie Cubana, at Manchester, N. H.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holland, of East Mauch Chunk, Pa., was fatally burned by a receptacle of coffee being upset.

Admitting embezzlement, Cashier R. Coddington, of the Grand Valley State bank, at Glenwood Springs, Cal., was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

At the residence of Irwin Briner, in Bainbridge, Pa., workmen digging a cellar found the skulls and skeletons of Indians of the Dekawoagha tribe, at one time settlers at Bainbridge.

Tuesday, April 12.

Thirty-nine more bodies were taken Cherry, Ill., where they had been entombed since the disaster of Nov. 13.

Burrell Brown, a negro, returning home at Port Wayne, Ind., and finding Emmett Williams in the house, shot and killed Williams and fatally wounded his wife.

V. Mapolitano, an Italian, was shot and killed and Michael Marino, a policeman, and another man were seriously wounded at Melrose Park, Chicago, in a revolver fight which originated in jealousy.

Seventeen physicians of Los Angeles, Cal., assisted at an operation for the removal of a table knife nine inches long from the stomach of Mrs. Sarah Carlson, an insane woman. The operation was successful.

Wednesday, April 13.

The federal court of appeals in a decision handed down in St. Louis holds that a man's reputation is not injured by the protesting of his check by a bank in mistake.

While suffering from the toothache Mrs. Alberta Henley, forty-six years old, of Pittsburg, Pa., drained a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid at her home and died soon afterward.

Members who attended the class dinner of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s Bible class in New York paid 10 cents extra owing to the advanced cost of living. Hitherto the price had been 50 cents a plate.

A chauffeur found a small package in front of a jewelry shop last Friday in New York and opening it found a \$10,000 diamond necklace. He received from the owner just half of its value as a reward for his honesty—\$5,000.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Closing Prices For Produce and Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR quiet; winter low grades, \$4.40; winter clear, \$4.90; city mills, fancy, \$6.25.

WHEAT firm, at \$4.25@4.40 per barrel.

CORN steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 66½¢.

OATS quiet; No. 2 white, 48½¢@49¢; lower grades, 47½¢.

POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 20¢@20½¢; old roosters, 14¢. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 19½¢; old roosters, 14¢.

BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 34¢ per lb.

EGGS firm; selected, 24¢@26¢; near-by, 23¢; western, 23¢.

POTATOES quiet, at \$3@35¢ bush.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE steady; choice, \$8.20@8.25; prime, \$7.75@8.10.

SHEEP higher; prime wethers, \$7.10@7.25; culs and common, \$3@4.50; lambs, \$5@9; veal calves, \$8.50@9.

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GOVERNOR STUART has appointed Charles Fred. Wright, a banker and a former Republican Congressman from Susquehanna county, State Treasurer to succeed John O. Sheatz, who has been holding over on account of the death of Treasurer-elect Storb, of Lancaster county. It is understood that the Supreme Court will pass upon the constitutional validity of the Governor's action.

A MULTITUDE of American citizens are anxiously awaiting Mr. Theodore Roosevelt's opinion of President Taft's efforts in the direction of enforcing the sundry "policies" of his immediate predecessor in office. Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt may be more explicit than formerly as to his real position on the tariff question, when he begins talking once more within the borders of his native land. To remark the least, President Taft is floundering at present.

THE recent action of the Indiana Republican State Convention in endorsing U. S. Senator Beveridge for his opposition to a number of important schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff, and for the efforts he exerted against Cannonism, must be accepted as unmistakable evidence of a serious breach in the Republican party, and of the widespread influence of political independence in relation to important economic questions. The so-called Insurgents of the now dominant political party of the nation cannot be ruled out of the party, without resulting disaster. Legislation in behalf of special interests cannot go on forever, and those Republicans who have the courage to boldly stand for the best interests of all the people are the Republicans who best represent the people, and those who best represent all the people are or should be the bulwark of any political party, whatsoever its name.

THE deplorable condition of political and official affairs in Pittsburg, as revealed by the many exposures of graft and corruption, has inspired Bishop Whitehead to formulate a prayer to the "Lord, the great and dreadful God," to turn the hearts of the people to "Thee in true repentance and amendment of life." If the rascals in public and private life can be aroused to their iniquity and to a sense of repentance by prayers and petitions, well and good; but, this old plan has been on trial for hundreds of years, and corruption and immorality in public and private life goes on and on. It is not overstating the case to say that many derelicts surge right ahead with their wickedness and fully expect their "Lord and dreadful God" to hear their confessions and grant clear titles to respectability here, and heaven hereafter. The most practical and effectual plan on the part of humanity in dealing with those who are guilty of various crimes is to prove guilt with evidence and inflict fines and imprisonment. The most practical plan for adoption in preventing, as far as can be, public and private dishonesty involves, fundamentally, sound moral and ethical instruction and enlightenment—the importance of going straight, and "doing right for the sake of right," and for the permanent well being, comfort and happiness of the individual and of Society. The Bishop's prayer and good intentions are to be duly respected, and whatever good may flow therefrom must not be lightly esteemed. However, the Bishop should not lose sight of earthly means in dealing with humanity, and should therefore exert some of his influence in support of the Committee on municipal affairs in his city in charge of the proposition to govern Pittsburg by Commission, regardless of politics—a Commission on a purely business basis, after the method now in course of effectual and most satisfactory operation in a number of Western cities. The Bishop need entertain no fear of "falling from grace" in lending his aid to the proposed new scheme of government for Pittsburg; a plan, once in operation, that will remove many temptations from those who are apparently too weak to withstand them.

DR. KRAUSKOPF, the noted Jewish Rabbi of Philadelphia, says: "It is the deeds of a man, his character, his ideals and not his creed, that determines a man's religion." Evidently, the Rabbi is a keen observer and a clear thinker.

IN the Broad Street Theatre, Philadelphia, Dr. Felix Adler, of New York city, gave a forceful talk last Sunday afternoon on the theme "The Ideal of American Democracy in the Light of Actual Conditions in Politics and Business." He scathingly condemned the conduct of the public affairs of leading municipalities for the benefit of a few individuals who are sustained at the polls by "eminently respectable citizens" who go along with their party on any terms with the bare hope of possibility of getting some profit out of it for themselves. In relation to the tariff he said: "Every one knows that the wool schedule and other schedules were fixed up purely in the interests of the big manufacturing combinations, yet the every-day consumer is asked to subscribe to all this under the old party shibboleth. Such things would not be possible if the great mass of the voters did not go along blindly with their party, irrespective of the principles involved. The truth appears to be that in these gross instances of public corruption it is not democracy that has failed, but our imperfect conception of it. We should broaden our view of what our Republic really stands for. The individual exists for the State, just as much as the State exists for the benefit of the individual citizen. We have failed as citizens unless we have made some contribution of our own to the welfare of the community in exchange for all the benefits that the Republic gives to us."

NORRISTOWN LETTER.

NORRISTOWN, PA., April 13, 1910.

Office seekers in Montgomery county are not a little disturbed by the apparent toleration given by the leaders to Assemblyman Ambler's demand for a fifth term, thereby permitting him to emulate Congressman Wanger in the continuous performance idea, so unpopular in county politics. The anxious ones are seeking an explanation from the leaders. The unwritten rule of "twice done and out" it is held should be adhered to in this instance as it has been in the past. There promises to be "war in camp" amongst the place seekers and their followers in the face of Ambler's procedure, which, it is feared, may afford a precedent for others now holding "sinecures."

It remained for the Chief of Police of Pottstown, chosen to maintain order and suppress all annoyance to society, to appear in court and not only advocate the granting of a new hotel liquor license, but advance the most absurd reasons for the same. First—A relief to over-crowded trolley cars in carrying workmen from Stowe to Pottstown, when such conditions come within the pale of the State Railway Commission. Second—Refuge for horses frightened by trolley cars, as though a new street nearby could not be opened to receive traffic. This spectacle of a political officeholder in thus trying to serve, even at his (the witnesses) own humiliation, the political boss of his town only added to the defeat of the devices of the up-river borough's Republican leaders. Furthermore, more keen his discomfiture as the court rightly again firmly declined to place itself in the light of handing out political favors.

Had Policeman William Hallman of Norristown first consulted his chief and the borough bosses, ere trying to secure a hotel, he would not now be without a job drawing salary. Hallman, in consequence of his intentions to secure a hostelry at Collegeville becoming known, was told to quit the job as patrolman at once. He wasn't allowed even to keep on as patrolman until his hotel plans fully matured. His idea to hold down a job, many others were anxious for, was denied him. He quit. Several days later his proposed license deal fell through. Now Hallman is hunting a job.

Bridgeport's councilmen are apparently determined to gain the same notoriety, and perchance the same court condemnation, as attended the borough's recently ousted school directors. Barely had the court restored peace and tranquility in the school house ere the storm of political dissension, so rampant in Bridgeport, broke out in all its fury in the council chamber. All on account of a policeman's \$55-a-month-job. The borough legislators have been trying to complete organizing since March 7th last, and haven't completed this matter as yet. Meanwhile borough work as well as all financial matters are held up. In the midst of the squabble amongst the democratic reform element, it is more than likely that John F. Dillon, the deposed Republican leader, will again be "on top" in the end.

The need of a capable and dutiful County Detective, duly salaried, is more apparent every day. Both the District Attorney and the Coroner, let alone the Court, have daily need of a competent man, whose seeking of information as to trial cases, violent deaths, personal conditions, etc., are of the greatest importance. All are handicapped in their work, trying delays arise, crimes remain unsolved, criminals are at large. The truth is not always set forth. The regularly elected county officials are not charged with the duty of playing detective. Amateurs are of no value. Over-zealousness, prompted by large rewards, has sent innocent people to prison. Lack of reward causes indifference among sleuths. A detective is a necessary adjunct.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 8, 1910.

The event of the last week indicated that American affairs, political and ecclesiastical, occupy attention on both sides of the Atlantic. The Roosevelt Vatican incident is discussed not only in Washington and in every city and home in the United States, but also in Rome and all-European capitals and centers. It may be called "a tempest in a teapot." There has been and will be much ink shed, but fortunately the day of blood shed between Catholic and Protestant is past. Evidently the Vatican has lost in diplomatic finesse since the death of the last distinguished Pope, who for years held diplomatic posts before he was elected ruler of the Holy See. The present Pope is a gentle, provincial, somewhat narrow, aged prelate, who has never seen much of the world, having been immured most of his life in his Venetian dioceses. Roosevelt has evidently lost nothing of his keenness and finesse and his ability to fall always on his feet. His experience with savage mid-African negroes and pachyderms has not blunted his diplomatic savoir faire. His catholic friends here and doubtless throughout the United States understand and sympathize with his action throughout this pretty much magnified incident. He has appointed many Catholics who are now holding office, some of them life offices throughout the United States, and in diplomatic and consular positions abroad. It is impossible that intelligent Catholics or Protestants in the United States can misunderstand or misconstrue his action.

The political situation in Washington presents no startling new feature, but marks a widening of the chasm between regular and insurgent Republicans. The event of the week has been reflexive from Senator Beveridge's speech at Indianapolis, and its importance is shown in the fact that the President has changed his itinerary so as to avoid the surcharged atmosphere of Indiana. He could not well do otherwise unless he wished to make confusion more confounded in the Hoosier state, for whether it may be called progressiveness or insurgency, Senator Beveridge's speech and its enthusiastic acceptance proves that Indiana is irreconcilable with Cannon, Alrich and the administration. Beveridge's speech was doubtless epochal as applied to current political history. It is so regarded here in Washington. It was a severe denunciation of what has been done and shirked at the national capital. His attack upon the Democratic party is a severe arraignment of Republicans of the Payne-Alrich type. Senator Beveridge denounces the tariff; President Taft upholds it. This is the issue in a great central state and Senator Beveridge has risked all in launching it. A spectacle scarcely paralleled in America politics is anticipated, for the same question will be raised by Dolliver and Cummins in Iowa, by LaFollette in Wisconsin, and by insurgents in a number of states. It can well be understood how Mr. Taft would not be at home in Indiana.

The Washington Board of Trade and its Chamber of Commerce have enthusiastically undertaken the work of promoting an international exposition to be held at the capital of the United States in 1915 in celebration of the completion of the Inter-oceanic Canal at Panama. The undertaking is stupendous, especially for a non-commercial city without manufacturing, for it must be remembered that Washington is a governmental social and diplomatic center having considerable wealth, it is true, but not active, industrious wealth like that of Chicago, St. Louis, and Philadelphia, where great expositions have heretofore been held. Nevertheless, if congress shall appropriate for Washington as it has appropriated for smaller cities as New Orleans, Atlanta and Jamestown, and for the celebration of events not more important than the completion of the greatest of human undertakings, there will be a world's fair that will compare favorably with the greatest held in America or Europe. For one thing, the Potomac Park in the midst of the city and accessible by foot, by wagon, automobile, electric car and steamboat free from every part of the city and surrounding country towns, only forty minutes from Baltimore, three hours from Philadelphia, five hours from New York and not more than twenty-four hours from the bulk of the population of the United States, presents a site for an exposition in convenience and accessibility equaled only by the Champs de Mars in Paris, where the most successful world expositions have been held.

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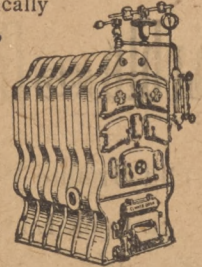
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RESULT OF LONG INTERVIEWS

Ex-Forester's Face Was Wreathed in Smiles After Leaving Mr. Roosevelt and Said "It Seems Like Old Times."

Porto Maurizio, April 13. — Colonel Theodore Roosevelt accepted an invitation, personally delivered by Gifford Pinchot, whom President Taft removed as chief forester of the United States, to address the meeting of the National Conservation League, which will be held in Kansas City early in September.

The acceptance of this invitation lets the first real light into the nature of the confidential interviews that were begun Monday between the former president and Pinchot and were resumed Tuesday.

Both Roosevelt and Pinchot continue their sphinx-like silence regarding their conversations, but in view of the developments this silence is no longer baffling the correspondents.

Friends of Mr. Pinchot regard Mr. Roosevelt's acceptance of his invitation as significant. One of Roosevelt's pet reforms was the conservation movement. Pinchot was his right bower. Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger ran afoul. President Taft supported his cabinet member and called for the resignation of Pinchot.

Roosevelt has heard the Pinchot side of the controversy.

Mr. Pinchot's face was wreathed in smiles when he announced that Mr. Roosevelt had accepted his invitation to make a speech before the league next fall. Mr. Pinchot had the appearance of a man who was unreservedly delighted with what he has accomplished since he reached Porto Maurizio, where he remained with Mr. Roosevelt half a day longer than was first arranged.

It is becoming more apparent daily that Roosevelt is going to learn of other phases of the American political situation before he returns to the United States. The report that Francis Heney, former prosecutor of San Francisco, and Seth Bullock, United States marshal at Deadwood, S. D., are to meet him in Europe and disclose to him the situation in their respective territories bears out this conclusion.

Both Heney and Bullock are staunch supporters of Roosevelt.

Pinchot's meeting with Roosevelt lasted almost until midnight, and that it was entirely satisfactory to the ex-forester was indicated by the broad smile that lightened his face when he returned to his hotel.

"It certainly seems like old times," Pinchot said to the correspondents, who tried to break through his guard. "My walk with Roosevelt reminded me of the strolls we used to take about Washington."

There was a ring of significance in Pinchot's words.

Another perfect day greeted the Roosevelts at Miss Carow's villa. Wherever the Roosevelts went, whether walking or riding, they were greeted enthusiastically by the villagers, who several times bombarded them with bouquets of violets and roses.

ARRESTED FOR BIG THEFT

Reading, Pa., Man Charged With Stealing \$10,000 From Iron Company.

Philadelphia, April 13. — Benjamin F. Hunsicker, a former president of the Reading school board and for years prominent in Republican politics in Reading, was arrested in this city on a charge of the larceny of \$10,000 of the funds of the Reading Iron company.

Mr. Hunsicker retired several weeks ago as chief clerk of the Scott foundry department of the iron company, and since that time he has been living with a sister in this city. His flings were done, it is alleged, by means of padded payrolls.

Hunsicker's family is well known socially and occupied a fine home on North Fifth street, in the fashionable residence section of Reading.

Farmers Emigrate to Canada.

Washington, April 13.—More than 12,000 American citizens, with from \$1000 to \$5000 each, practically all farmers and the heads of families, expatriated themselves between March 31, 1909, and April 1, 1910. They went from all portions of the United States, but particularly from the middle west, to take up government homesteads in Canada.

Fierce Fires in Dismal Swamp.

Norfolk, Va., April 13.—Fierce forest fires have been raging in the Dismal Swamp and hundreds of wild animals are fleeing. Many of the animals, made desperate by hunger and thirst, are pillaging farms in Nansemond county and truckers had to organize armed forces. Several bears have been killed.

Ransom to Be Returned.

Washington, April 13.—A bill appropriating \$61,000 for repayment to private citizens of the sum advanced for the ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary who was abducted by Bulgarian brigands in 1901 was passed by the senate.

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A sermon on martyrdom, in which Frank Skala, an editor and prominent mission worker, had declared himself willing to lay down his life for the Christian cause, was followed by his assassination in a highly sensational manner, and the shooting down also of a fellow church leader, John Gay.

Arm in arm, the two missionaries were leaving the little Congregational church in Wood's Run, a suburb of Pittsburgh, at the head of more than a hundred of their followers. A raggedly dressed and collarless man poked his way through the crowd as it reached the corner of Eckert street and McClure avenue, and when he was but a step behind the leaders he pressed a revolver to Skala's head and fired twice.

The bullets took effect in the jaw and in the temple and in the midst of his followers he fell dead. Gay, who threw up his right hand as if to ward off the weapon, was struck first in the thumb. A second bullet was buried in his head. He fell unconscious across the lifeless body of his colleague.

For a moment the assassin stood over his victim in crazed triumph over the deed, flourishing his revolver, while the panic-stricken crowd fled to shelter behind posts and doorways.

The murderer was Jan Radowitch, a character known to most of the mission for his shiftless habits, slovenly dress and radical opinions. A moment before he had meekly read from juvenile leaflets in the Sunday school led by Skala; previously he had sat in a back pew of the church during the regular sermon; and at the commencement of the services Skala had shaken his hand in greetings. In all this Radowitch had given no warning of his murderous intent.

There were no police in sight when the murder was done, the church people were too frightened to grab the assassin, and after the wild flourish of the weapon and stamping his foot on the bodies, he made off down the avenue to the Fort Wayne railroad tracks and was soon lost to view. A large armed posse of police, detectives and church people was soon in pursuit, but they have found no trace of him.

After the madman's disappearance the mission crowd reassembled about their fallen leaders and passionately mourned their loss. Skala's body was removed to an undertaking establishment and Gay was taken to St. John's hospital. His wound is dangerous, but it is believed at the hospital that he will recover.

None of the church workers believe that there was any method in Radowitch's madness. He was a man who had lived at the Salvation Army barracks and as a charitable parasite elsewhere, but was always at variance with the teachings of his Christian leaders. It is doubtful if he had ever seen Skala before.

Millionaire Indicted For Bribery.

The grand jury at Pittsburgh, Pa., indicted Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the German National bank, of Allegheny, as well as president of the Pressed Steel Car company, on the charges of bribery and conspiracy. President Emil Winter, of the Workmen's Savings Bank and Trust company, of Allegheny, another financial power of Pittsburgh, went into court to confess that he had bribed councilmen to the extent of \$20,000. James M. Anderson, general bookkeeper of the Workmen's Savings Bank and Trust company, was arraigned on a charge of having mutilated the books of his bank to save the exposure of certain persons. He pleaded nolo contendere and was placed under bail.

The most startling feature of the graft probe up to date is information conveyed in the presentment handed down against Hoffstot. District Attorney William A. Blakely appeared as a citizen before this grand jury in connection with the Hoffstot investigation and told how before he became district attorney he had been approached by Hoffstot and the late J. W. Friend and by Councilman Charles Stewart and asked to act as stakeholder for a fund of \$52,000 which they said were to be paid certain councilmen for the passage of a bank ordinance.

Railroads Raise Wages.

Employees of the Philadelphia & Reading railway were notified that, beginning April 1, their wages would be increased 6 per cent. The announcement, made in Philadelphia, says that the increase will be general among all permanent employees receiving less than \$300 a month whose pay has not been adjusted within the last ninety days.

Coming within twenty-four hours after the announcement by the Pennsylvania Railroad company of its wage boost and the increase being alike, has given rise to a report that there has been a slip-up in the announcement and that it was intended that the raises were intended to be published simultaneously. In railroad circles it was recalled that the last general in-

crease in wages, made by the two companies in 1906, were announced at the same time. The increase at that time was 10 per cent.

The Reading's increase will affect about 27,000 employees. As the average pay is about \$60 a month, the addition will cost the company about \$97,800 a month, or \$1,166,400 annually. The total number of employees, including those in the general offices, is 27,500. Not including the general offices, the number of employees is given as 26,700.

To Reargue Oil and Tobacco Cases.

Both the oil trust and the tobacco trust dissolution cases must again be argued before the supreme court of the United States. This announcement was made by the chief justice.

The reargument of these cases comes as the direct result of the death of Justice Brewer a few days after the Standard Oil case had been argued.

As Justice Moody was unable to participate in the consideration of these cases only seven justices were left to give a decision.

How the court was divided in regard to the decision is still as much a mystery as before the assignment of the cases for reargument.

It is believed, however, that the court was evenly divided or almost so and that it probably was loath to give to the country a decision which was not supported by a majority of a full court. Such a majority would be five members.

The fact that the corporation tax cases were not set for reargument is taken to mean that a decision will be announced in regard to the constitutionality of the law authorizing it in a short time.

Accidentally Killed His Wife.

Mrs. Catherine Bomgardner, wife of a plumber, was shot by her husband, John W. Bomgardner, in mistake for a burglar at their home in Harrisburg, Pa. She died a few hours afterwards.

The Bomgardners live in the central part of the city. As there have been some attempts at robbery reported recently, Mr. Bomgardner placed a revolver under his pillow several nights ago.

Before daylight Mrs. Bomgardner, who had been ill, arose to get some medicine. This aroused her husband, who, seeing her moving about the room, opened fire. One bullet struck her in the side, causing a wound that resulted in her death.

A coroner's jury gave a verdict of accidental shooting.

Thomas F. Walsh Dead.

Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado mine owner, died at his home in Washington. Mr. Walsh had been ill for more than six months with heart trouble that followed an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Walsh, her daughter, Mrs. Edward McLean, and Edward McLean were at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Walsh's wealth has been variously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$40,000,000. His daughter married Edward McLean, a son of John R. McLean, the publisher. Mr. Walsh was a friend of the late King Leopold of Belgium, and at the time of the king's death was one of the few men in this country to come forward with a statement in his behalf.

Blow at High Cost of Living.

The senate committee, headed by Senator Lodge, has offered a remedy for the present high cost of living.

This is, in short, to set a time limit on cold storage, the limit to be a year. After that, food in storage is to be considered as adulterated and to come under the provisions and prohibitions of the pure food act.

Such a treatment of the matter, it is held, will bring it under the control of the federal government, and not limit the latter's authority, as the investigation conducted during the winter at the instance of Congressman Hampton Moore limited it to the District of Columbia and the territories.

Woman Leaves \$800,000 to Charity.

Miss Martha R. Hunt, eighty-seven years of age, of Somerville, Mass., an invalid for more than forty years, died March 15, after having increased an estate of \$200,000 left her by her father in 1856 to more than \$900,000. Her will leaves \$100,000 to relatives and friends and \$800,000 in public bequests.

The remarkable increase in the invalid's estate was due to her sagacity in investing in town and city loans and conservative railroad bonds.

Sibley Recovers Sight.

Former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, left Washington for New York. Mr. Sibley has been in a Washington hospital for nearly a month, having cataracts removed from his eyes. He has been assured the danger of loss of sight is over.

Bicyclist Killed Training For Race.

While he was training for a race at Newark, N. J., Maurice Vanderdries, an amateur bicyclist, was almost instantly killed at the Velodrome track here. He sprinted headfirst into a post, fracturing his skull.

Base Ball's Second Victim of Season.

Base ball has claimed its second victim of the 1910 season in the death of fifteen-year-old Rudolph Ruhlberg of New York, who was struck on the head with a pitched ball.

T. R. Jr., Wedding Date.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Eleanor Alexander have set their wedding for June 20, in the afternoon, in New York. Colonel Roosevelt sails for his country on the 10th.

Chicken Prices Soar.

Chickens sold at 19 cents a pound on the South Water street market in Chicago. This is the highest price ever recorded in the history of the trade.

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MAN STRANGLES MAD DOG

Howard McCullough Has Desperate Struggle With Rabid Animal.

Burlington, N. J., April 13.—Strangling to death in a desperate struggle a big English bulldog that had suddenly gone mad and attacked his family, Howard McCullough, of Florence, saved six persons from injury and possible death. The dog had been bitten by a supposedly rabid cur several days ago, but was thought to have recovered.

McCullough's son brought the animal to the house and without warning the dog broke away from his young master and, frothing at the mouth, dashed into the diningroom snapping at the children, who hopped into chairs, and finally making a grab for McCullough's throat when he failed to brain the animal with a chair.

To protect himself McCullough dropped the chair and seized the dog by the throat. Man and dog rolled to the floor, and for nearly five minutes the fierce struggle went on before McCullough's powerful grip choked the animal to death. McCullough escaped with badly torn clothes and several scratches, but was not bitten.

USES HYPNOTISM TO QUIET MOTHER-IN-LAW

Renders Her Speechless and Helpless by a Look.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 13.—Charged with hypnotizing his mother-in-law, his wife and his children whenever they annoyed him or he was scolded, Peter Avondale, of this city, was arrested and taken before Mayor Kniffen. The charge was made by the mother-in-law, Mrs. William Roze, who said she was unable to put up any longer with the strange tricks that Avondale played upon her and the family. She declared there was a power in his eye which rendered them helpless. He usually, she declared, hypnotized them in such a manner that their limbs became useless and they fell to the floor and there lay helpless until Avondale chose to release them. Recently she called in a neighbor to protest to him, but was rendered speechless and helpless, she declares, by a look from her son-in-law's eye.

Avondale declared he knew nothing about hypnotism and did not hypnotize any one. The mayor was puzzled as to what to do, but finally held him under \$500 bail to keep the peace.

BULL TRAMPLES BOY

Pain Mattered Animal Has to Be Killed in Street.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 13.—Knocked down and trampled by a pain maddened bull while he was trying to rescue his coaster wagon, five-year-old Joseph Hochberger, of Grafton, a suburb of this city, is dying at his father's home.

The bull, with an injured foot, was being driven to a stock yard. It pawed at the child's body with its forefeet while the latter's screams called six men to his rescue. The bull attacked the men, who fired bullet after bullet into the animal, until it fell dead in the street.

BODY FOUND IN TRUNK

Wealthy Woman Had Been Missing and Murder Is Suspected.

Hannibal, Mo., April 13.—The body of Mrs. Gertrude Maxwell, a wealthy widow, who lived alone on her farm one mile east of Palmyra, twelve miles west of here, was found in a trunk at her home by the sheriff, Thomas C. Lasley.

She had been missing since last Wednesday. The trunk lid was closed, but not locked. A club was also found in the room, but the body bore no marks of violence.

"Bothered by Spirits;" Kills Children.

Akron, O., April 13.—"The spirits kept bothering me," is the explanation offered by Mrs. Rosa Marquardt, aged twenty years, who killed his two-year-old daughter, Margaret, and so seriously injured her one-year-old babe that the child's death is expected.

French President to Visit Rome.

Paris, April 13.—According to the Figaro, plans are under way for a visit by President Faillieres to Rome to emphasize the friendly relations existing between France and Italy.

NO COOK RECORDS ON MT. M'KINLEY

Fairbanks Expedition Scales
Alaska Peak.

ONE MONTH AT TASK

Trip to Test Polar Voyager's Claim
Find No Trace of His Alleged Ascent.

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 13.—The Fairbanks expedition to Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, reached the summit April 3, after a climb of one month from the base, it was announced. No traces of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's alleged ascent were found.

Thomas Lloyd, leader of the expedition, arrived here. His companions were Daniel Patterson, W. R. Taylor and Charles McGonigle. All reached the top of the mountain.

The expedition, which left Fairbanks Dec. 15, while the controversy over Dr. Cook's disputed ascent was still raging, was financed by August Peterson and William McPhee, of this city. The plan was to go into camp on the mountain as high as possible and probably about the middle of May make a dash for the summit.

The obstacles encountered were not so great as had been predicted.

Four camps were established during the ascent and a trail was blazed all the way to the crest. Up to 12,000 feet the climbing did not present unusual difficulties. For the next 4000 feet the way led over a steep ice field, which at first seemed to forbid further progress, but through which, upon exploration, it was found possible to locate a path.

The final dash to the top was made from the 16,000 foot camp.

Mount McKinley terminates in twin peaks of equal height, one somewhat rounded and covered with snow, the other composed of bare and wind swept rocks. On the rock peak the Fairbanks climbers placed an American flag in a monument of stones.

The expedition, which was provided with Dr. Cook's maps and data, endeavored to follow his supposed route, but utterly failed to verify any part of his account of an ascent.

The expedition was equipped with a dog team and supplies, and with the latter they established a base at the foot of the mountain. They planned to make the dash for the summit at the break of winter in March. The members of the party agreed to forfeit \$5000 if none of them reached the summit. One of their objects was to verify or disprove to their own satisfaction the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he reached the summit in the fall of 1906.

Dr. Cook asserted he had ascended Mount McKinley and to have reached the summit on Sept. 10. He said that he had left at the top of the mountain proofs that he had been there.

Mount McKinley is the assumed culminating point of the North American continent and is in the Alaska range, latitude 63 degrees 4 minutes north, longitude 151 degrees west. Its height is given as 20,464 feet.

BOTH SIDES AT GETTYSBURG

Propose Grand Union of Blue and Gray on Battlefield.

Washington, April 13.—Veterans of the Civil War, both those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray at the battle of Gettysburg forty-eight years ago, will meet again on that famous battlefield this year. If the movement started by Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Watrous, U. S. A., is carried out. Owing to the fact that veterans of both armies are responding in large numbers each year to final "taps," Colonel Watrous believes it would be better to hold such a reunion this year rather than wait until the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

FORTUNE IN WALL PAPER

Mining Stock Used to Paper a Room Proves Valuable.

San Francisco, April 13.—Henry Brink, of Melrose, papered a room with shares of stock in an Arizona gold mine. This was after he had grown weary of waiting for dividends. Porcelain clay of rare quality has been discovered on the mine site, and his certificates are now worth a fortune. Brink and a paperhanger are now trying to get the stock off the walls.

Arbitrate Wage Dispute.

New York, April 12.—The wage dispute between the trainmen and conductors of the New York Central railroad and the officials of the company is to be settled by arbitration. All points of difference will be arbitrated by E. E. Clark, member of the Interstate commerce commission, and P. H. Morrissey, president of the Railway Employees' and Investors' association. They will appoint a third arbitrator if necessary.

Body Rolls Out In Grave.

York, Pa., April 13.—While the body of William E. Randall was being lowered into the grave at York one of the straps tore, allowing the coffin to fall heavily to the bottom of the grave. The coffin broke open and the body rolled out. The mourners, greatly shocked by the accident, were ordered to return to the church until the body and coffin could be rearranged.

VALERIA AND THE SPICE MAN.

The Romance That Was Woven
Into a Rag Carpet.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.
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When Valeria Bird was thirty-five years old she emptied all her closets and wardrobes and spread the contents about her room—over the chairs and on the bed or wherever space afforded. Like all the Birds, Valeria was fond of dress, and "the summer I had the pink organdie," "the winter I wore the green cloak" and other instances were fixed dates in Valeria's memory. Valeria's clothes formed the calendar of her years.

"It's all they're good for," she said decisively. "I'll cut them into carpet rags and make me a handsome carpet. There won't be another like it in Littleville."

And there wasn't another one that compared with Valeria Bird's rag carpet when it was woven and in place on the sitting room floor. Out in the woodshed was an old loom—Uncle Joshua Bird had been a famous weaver in his day—and Valeria had learned how to operate it in the face of Aunt Susanna's strong disapproval.

"You'll spread your feet all out of shape working that treadle. Your Uncle Joshua had flat foot to the end of his days from that old loom! You better take it over to the blind weaver. He can do it first rate so long as it's hit or miss!"

"Tisn't going to be hit or miss," said Valeria stubbornly. "No one could make it this way but me."

When it was completed and the breadths sewed together it made a large carpet, for Valeria had had many garments. Aunt Susanna peered curiously at the intricate pattern.

"I never see a rag carpet like that. What's that little white square in the middle breadth, and how did you fix it?"



"HAVE YOU LOST ANYTHING?" SHE ASKED SHARPLY.

so's all those different colored stripes would make squares outside each other? And the outside border is black. That's real tasty!"

Valeria smiled proudly. "The white square in the middle is made out of my little frocks, and each stripe outside of it is a year of clothes."

"And every year the stripes are wider, showing how extravagant you are getting. But don't tell Tom, Dick and Harry all about those stripes, because any fool could figure out how old you be." Aunt Susanna's voice dropped to a secretive hiss.

"Humph! I don't care who knows how old I am," replied Valeria contemptuously.

Mrs. Bird pursed her lips mysteriously. "There ain't a soul in Littleville that knows how old I be," she muttered. "If you want to be stamped as an old maid, Valery, just run around and tell how old you be."

"I want to be an old maid," said Valeria calmly as she placed the walnut center table exactly over the white square in the new carpet. "I'd rather be Valeria Bird and die unmarried than to change my name to any other. Think I'd change my name to Jones or Gibble or Riddle or Smith? Humph!"

Just as Valeria Bird sniffed contemptuously some one rapped smartly at the side door, and Aunt Susanna creaked across the floor to admit a tall, broad shouldered man with thick hair plentifully sprinkled with gray. He was indeed very handsome, and perhaps his good looks found expression in his kindly eyes and firm mouth as well as in the physical beauty of these features. He removed his hat with a friendly smile at Aunt Susanna.

"I'm selling spices, ma'am. Perhaps you would like to give me an order. I bought out William Riddle's business, and I've got a perfectly fresh stock."

"Come right in," said Mrs. Bird cordially. "I've got to go down to the missionary society, but Valery will give you an order. She had it all made out for Billy Riddle. Where's Billy gone?"

"Billy got the gold fever. He's gone out to the Klondike," replied the spice man, wiping his feet carefully on the doormat and then tiptoeing across

Valeria's new carpet to a vacant chair. His eyes followed Valeria's disapproving glance to the floor, where his shoes had left dusty footprints on three years of her life. "I'm very sorry," he said calmly, taking an order book out of one pocket and a fountain pen from another. He looked expectantly at Valeria, and his eyes lingered on her soft masses of brown hair and her tender blue eyes.

The tender blue eyes changed to steel gray when they encountered the gaze of the spice man, and a flood of color invaded the cool cheeks to her little ears. Valeria Bird had met that same glance in the eyes of many men, but never before had she lost her composure.

Overhead Aunt Susanna's heavy bulk shook the ceiling as she hurried to and fro in her preparation for the missionary society. Outside in the grapevines late robins were feasting on the luscious clusters, and their sweet songs were reminiscent of earlier springs when Valeria had worn pale blue gowns and held her proud little head aloof from all suitors, reserving herself for some ideal being, one who was handsome and gifted and whose name might be "Montfort."

"Valeria Montfort" sounded even a little better than Valeria Bird.

"I want some cinnamon and mace," she said at last, "and a bottle of vanilla and some nutmegs."

The spice man closed his book and arose to go. "Thank you, ma'am," he said, with hat in hand. "I'll deliver the goods day after tomorrow. Good afternoon."

"Wait a minute and I'll pay you," said Valeria, leaving the room.

When she returned the spice man was crawling about the floor on his hands and knees, examining the stripes with strange intentness.

"Have you lost something?" she asked.

He scrambled to his feet, looking very much ashamed of himself. Valeria watched him climb into the shining wagon at the gate, and when it had disappeared in a cloud of dust she turned and looked at the carpet. For what had the spice man been seeking? Save for additional traces of sand on the carpet she could see nothing. Her housewifely soul declaimed against the untidy floor, but she did not brush the sand away.

At tea time Aunt Susanna rustled home from her society meeting. She untied her bonnet strings with impatient fingers as Valeria brought in the teapot.

"I heard all about the new spice man, Valeria," she said breezily. "He's from Concomopus way, and he's a distant relation of yours too. His mother was own cousin to your mother. He ain't never married. He's always lived on the home place and farmed it till last year his mother died, and he's been looking to buy a good business. He—"

"What is his name?" asked Valeria, quietly sipping her tea.

Mrs. Bird hesitated with spoon poised above the sugar basin. Her little dark eyes fell before Valeria's inquiring gaze.

"John Smith—John James Smith—and it's a very good name, too," said Aunt Susanna defiantly.

Valeria said nothing. The next time the spice man called Valeria was alone. When he had set the small packages on the table he said:

"I guess you think I ought to explain what I was looking for that day when you found me on the floor. I was wondering if there was a stripe of pink that had some cloth in it—pink with little white stars on it." He paused and flushed slightly.

Valeria nodded. "There is a piece like that. I used to have a dress like that when I was fourteen years old. All this carpet is made out of my clothes."

Mr. Smith's face was eager and glowing now. "I met you once years ago. You was wearing it. I never forgot your face. I was driving a young colt, and you was scared when the colt shied, and you ran to the side of the road and dropped a basket of eggs, and—"

"And you got down and picked up the whole eggs and gave me 50 cents. I've got the 50 cents now," exclaimed Valeria animatedly. Like an instantaneous photograph she saw the tall, handsome young man who had come to her assistance that long ago day, whose appearance had taken her girlish fancy and had forever after remained her ideal. And in her dreams she had named him "Montfort."

"Why did you keep the 50 cents, Miss Valeria?" asked the spice man curiously. "I thought your name was Montfort," said Valeria impulsively. He laughed heartily. "It's just plain John James Smith," he said, with a certain sturdy pride in his tone. "Now, I wonder if you wouldn't just give me a little piece of that pink calico. I want it for something," he added slowly.

Valeria flushed and then knelt down on the floor and sought the pink stripe with the white stars. Recklessly she pulled it out, and the spice man's pocket knife severed a generous sample, which he stowed carefully away in his pocket. "Shall I come every week?" he asked, pausing in the doorway. "Yes, do," said Valeria, with a flush. When Aunt Susanna came home Valeria was sitting with idle hands beside the window.

"For the land's sake! Somebody has tracked fresh mud all over your floor, Valery. This carpet won't last no while if you ain't more careful."

Valeria Bird looked down at the thin pink stripe at her feet. "I don't care," she said, with a dreamy smile. "For the land!" began Aunt Susanna again; then she looked at Valeria and did not finish the sentence.

THE INGENIOUS BEAVER.

Prof. E. H. Starling, in his recent address as president of the Physiological Section of the British Association, called attention to the great advantage that was gained by the first animals which succeeded in securing thermal and chemical constancy in their environment, thus rendering themselves independent of changes in the external medium. Man is the most remarkable for his activity in this respect, but many other creatures differ from him only in the degree of their activity directed to a similar end, and, said Prof. Starling, "in some parts of this country the activity of the beaver in creating an artificial environment has, until lately, been more marked than that of man himself."

WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

If anything whatever is settled, it should surely be the proper food of mankind. For uncounted centuries the race has been making a vast experimental laboratory of itself, testing, rejecting, approving substances that promised to be nutritious or appetizing. By this time it ought to be on firm ground. As a matter of fact, there are nearly as many theories about diet as people who give their minds to the subject.

Meanwhile he who desires to eat wisely knows not who to trust. No sooner is he convinced that he eats too much, and especially too much meat, he is assailed by plausible arguments that more meat—a greater surplus of nitrogenous food—is the great desideratum.

If he begins to lean that way, the earnest vegetarian warns him that he must get his nitrogen out of beans and nuts; or the raw-food propagandist shakes his confidence in the blessings of expert cookery altogether. One authority pleads for thorough mastication; another thinks prolonged chewing harmful, grows satirical, and calls it "brad-fagy."

Many of these theories, even when advanced by men of education, are based rather on personal whim than on the only sure ground of theory—careful, impartial experiment. Besides, experiment is sometimes undertaken to prove a theory already formed, and not to learn the exact truth.

For the ordinary man, much thought about his food, like any other form of introspection, is not to be recommended. He who eats by instinct—observing, of course, the great rule of temperance—is likely to be the healthiest and happiest. Common sense will teach one to avoid things which disagree, and common sense also seems to argue against a diet exclusively composed of any single sort of food.

Further than this, rules are as likely to be misleading as helpful. The quality and quantity of the work different bodies have to perform and the peculiarities of individual taste and digestion are so various that principles of diet must be modified to fit particular cases. Proverbial philosophy, often sapient, warns us that one man's meat may be another's poison.—Youth's Companion.

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ORPHANS' COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA. NOTICE OF FILING AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given to heirs, legatees, creditors, and all parties in interest, that the following accounts have been filed in the office of the Register of Wills or Clerk of Orphans' Court, as the case may be, of said county, on the 6th day below stated, that said executors, administrators, guardians and trustees have settled their accounts in said office; and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said county on Tuesday, April 19, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m., for confirmation, at which time the Honorable William F. Solly, President Judge of said Court, will sit in Court Room No. 3, in the Court House, to audit said accounts, hear and pass upon exceptions wherever filed, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of said accountants.

No. 1—ATWOOD—Feb. 14—First account of Laura Atwood, admrx. of Harry S. Atwood, dec'd.

No. 2—SYDER—Feb. 16—First and final account of W. Norman Morris, executor of William R. Snyder, late of Hatfield, dec'd.

No. 3—LONGSTRETH—Feb. 18—First and final account of Abram R. Longstreth, admr. of Josephine Longstreth, late of Abington, dec'd.

No. 4—EGOLF—Feb. 23—First and final account of Peter L. Egolf, admr. of Donald P. Egolf, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 5—POOL—March 1—First and final account of Henry A. Groff, guardian of Alice M. Pool, late a minor.

No. 6—HALLMAN—March 2—First account of Mary Y. Hallman, executrix of Henry H. Hallman, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 7—BEYER—March 4—First and final account of Josephus Beyer, late of Whitpain, deceased.

No. 8—DETTRA—March 4—First and final account of William Morris Spinger, admr. of Margaret Dettra, late of Whiteside county, Illinois, dec'd.

No. 9—FRY—March 4—First and final account of William Morris Spinger admr. of Joseph Fry, late of Whiteside county, Illinois, dec'd.

No. 10—FRY—March 4—First and final account of William Morris Spinger, admr. of Jacob Fry, late of Whiteside county, Illinois, dec'd.

No. 11—MYNICK—March 8—First and final account of David Goodbread, executor of Josephine Mynick, dec'd.

No. 12—HALLOWELL—March 8—First and final account of George W. Worth, executor of T. Ellwood Hallowell, late of Horsham, dec'd.

No. 13—WARTHMAN—March 8—Account of Peter A. Schemm, admr. of William T. L. Warthman, dec'd, as filed by J. Harper Drapp, et al., executors of said Peter A. Schemm, dec'd.

No. 14—KILMER—March 11—First and final account of Mary I. Miller, executrix of John L. Kiler, late of Marlborough, dec'd.

No. 15—HUNSBERGER—March 11—First and final account of Thomas D. Nase et al., executors of David Hunsberger, late of Hatfield, dec'd.

No. 16—MESCHERT—March 12—First and final account of Lewis J. Lick et al., executors of William Y. Meschert, dec'd.

No. 17—SHARPLESS—March 12—Account of Fidelity Trust Company, trustee for Emma Williams, under the will of Anna R. Sharpless, dec'd.

No. 18—LANDIS—March 12—First and final account of the Montgomery Trust Company, guardian of Harvey K. Landis, a minor, now deceased.

No. 19—JONES—March 14—Second and final account of Edmund Jones, executor of Jehu Jones, late of Lower Merion, dec'd.

No. 20—FREED—March 17—First and final account of Allen G. Reiff et al., executors of Aaron H. Freed, late of Franconia, deceased.

No. 21—LANDES—March 17—First and final account of Catharine C. Landes, admrx. of Daniel A. Landes, late of Franconia, deceased.

No. 22—BORNEMAN—March 17—First account of John S. Borneman, executor of Isaac S. Borneman, late of Souderton, deceased.

No. 23—MILLER—March 17—First and final account of the Montgomery Trust Company, admr. of Rebecca Miller, late of Seattle, Kings county, Washington, dec'd.

No. 24—PRIEST (now Perry)—March 17—First and final account of the Montgomery Trust Company, guardian of Ida M. Priest, now Ida M. Perry, late a minor.

No. 25—SHERID—March 17—First and final account of Rachel Sherid, admrx. of Matilda Sherid, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 26—ACKER—March 18—First and final account of Jacob R. Yost, admr. of Caroline S. Acker, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 27—RITTENHOUSE—March 18—First and final account of Henry W. Kratz, surviving trustee under will of Henry R. Rittenhouse, late of Upper Providence, now deceased.

No. 28—STRABLE—March 18—First and final account of the Rogersford Trust Company, admr. of Margaret Strable, late of Rogersford, dec'd.

No. 29—ICE—March 18—First and final account of Charles E. Doddridge, guardian of Fred. McGinley Rice, late a minor.

No. 30—FITZPATRICK (now McNell)—March 18—First and final account of the Norristown Trust Company, guardian of Mary Fitzpatrick, now McNell, late a minor.

No. 31—MILLER—March 18—First and final account of the Norristown Trust Company, guardian of Sarah S. Miller, said ward being now deceased.

No. 32—SOULE—March 19—First and final account of Frederick S. Roesch, admr. of Jacob B. Soule, dec'd.

No. 33—WATSON—March 19—First and final account of George H. Watson, admr. of William J. Watson, late of Abington township, dec'd.

No. 34—NICE—March 19—First account of Milton N. Nice, admr. of Harper Nice, late of Whitpain township, dec'd.

No. 35—GILBERT—March 19—First and final account of Joseph N. King, admr. c. t. a. of William V. Gilbert, late of Hatfield township, dec'd.

No. 36—WELSH—March 19—First and final account of Bridget A. Welsh, admrx. of Ellen Welsh, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 37—ABRAHAM—March 19—Second account of Abisha Stetson and Henry Pleasant, executors of Daniel C. Abraham, dec'd.

No. 38—OH—March 19—First and final account of Francis D. Fryer, executor of William Poh, late of Douglass township, dec'd.

No. 39—WADE—March 19—Final account of Montgomery Trust Company, guardian of Charles Graham Wade, a minor, who is now deceased.

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HOW ANIMALS USE THEIR TAILS.

Very few people ever stop to observe what very useful things animals' tails are to their owners. Horses, cows, and other creatures use their caudal appendages as fly flappers. Cats, squirrels, and many more, twist them around their necks for comforters. The rat has raised the use of his tail to a fine art, for by its means it guides the blind and steals jelly, oil and cream out of jars and bottles. The raccoon catches crabs with its tail, and the monkey swings his way through his native forests. Fish steer their way by means of their tail, the ant-eater uses his bushy tail as an umbrella, while the vanity of the peacock is fed by the beauty of its tail feathers.

AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION.

Patience is a virtue which all judges need, and most judges have. But sometimes, as in this case recorded by a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger, it is not necessary to suffer in silence.

A long-winded, prosy counselor was arguing a technical case recently before one of the judges of the Superior Court. He had drifted along in such a desultory way that it was hard to keep track of what he was trying to present, and the judge had just vented a very suggestive yawn.

"I sincerely trust that I am not unduly trespassing on the time of this court," said the lawyer, with a suspicion of sarcasm in his voice.

"There is some difference," the judge quickly observed, "between trespassing on time and encroaching on eternity."

MICROBES IN PLANTS.

For once the bacteriologist and hygienists, who usually appear to delight in alarming timid folk, announced a discovery which will reassure those persons who are afraid to eat green vegetables. Manau thought that he had discovered soil microbes in the interior of vegetable stalks.

From this discovery resulted the condemnation of sewage farms and, indeed, of all market gardening as it is ordinarily practiced, with the employment of manure.

Fortunately this opinion has not been shared by all bacteriologists. In order to solve this problem (which is so important from the hygienic point of view,) Remlinger and Nouri have undertaken a series of experiments, in which they endeavored, by every possible means to infect plants with microbes. In every case, however, they found it impossible to obtain colonies of microbes from the interior parts of the plants thus affected. Hence they conclude that the microbes in the soil do not penetrate into the interior of the plants, but remain entirely on the surface.

NEW CANCER CURE BY TROPICAL PLANT.

Before a recent illustrious gathering of cancer specialists at Paris, Professor Rampoldi, a local ophthalmist, presented twenty patients, formerly victims of malignant tumors in the face, eye, lips, mouth and tongue, whom he had wholly cured by the use of a tropical plant known as Indian licorice or rosary tree. This plant belongs to a vegetable order, whose leaves contain glycerine, and with an egg-shaped seed of a deep brilliant scarlet color, hard and as big as dried peas. It abounds in Abrina, which is a wonderful toxin for the blood.

Professor Rampoldi began his experiments ten years ago by treating external cancerous growths, and has achieved about 100 definite cures. Of these growths, about ten were located within the cavity and wall of the mouth, others of his patients examined publicly having their skin in a perfectly normal state. They were persons known to have had the entire face and forehead covered for many months with cancerous sores thought to be incurable. The most notable results presented that of a girl in whom cancer of the eye had previously made such ravages as to have eaten away part of the socket bone, and three others where the glands had been affected.

Rampoldi claims that his method supersedes the surgical treatment now in vogue, which often disfigures the patient with hideous permanent scars, and seldom effects a lasting cure, and is likewise free from the well-known perils that beset the Röntgen rays method.

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THE BANDIT CHIEF.

A Tragedy of the Wild Days of the Past In Mexico.

By WALTER MAILLARD.

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The government of Mexico is today very different from what it was when that state shared in the revolutions still common in Central America. A time was when there was no safety for any one in that then turbulent country. That was when the bandits flourished.

At this time lived Cortina, the greatest bandit that Mexico has ever known. While factions were fighting for the presidency the country was in a state of chaos, and Cortina met no obstacle in his wild career. He rode through Mexico like a cyclone, murdering and pillaging by the way. What he did with the wealth he took was not generally known. He certainly did not carry it about with him. He spent a great deal when in a position to use money, which was not often, but even this would not account for the enormous amounts he should have accumulated.

Some supposed that he had hiding places in the mountains and that eventually he would buy immunity of the government for his crimes, make some restitution and still have a vast treasure left. But Cortina never gave evidence of having such treasure. There came a time when he could have used wealth if he had had it to save his life. Either he did not attempt to use it thus or it was refused. The latter supposition is not to be entertained.

There must have been some hidden reason why Cortina was permitted to plunder and why he did not grow rich. There have been many theories, but only one that fulfills the conditions.

A certain man was aspirant for the presidency of Mexico. To perpetrate a Mexican revolution money is re-



THE MAN WAS CORTINA.

quired. This man, whose purpose it was to overthrow the existing government, had no means. It was supposed that he had an agreement with Cortina by which the bandit was to furnish the required sum. In other words, so the story goes, Cortina was to be permitted to pillage the country on condition that the lion's share of the plunder be turned over to the presidential aspirant for the purpose of attaining his ambition.

When the revolution was accomplished it was supposed that an effort would be made to capture Cortina and punish him for his crimes. But the government did not appear to be in any hurry to do so. Cortina still swept over the Mexican plateau, perpetrating his lawless deeds. There came a time, however, when the people began to murmur, and many unpleasant reasons were given why the bandit was permitted to continue his devastations. Then at last a body of mounted soldiers went out to where he was operating, captured him and brought him to the capital.

Everybody was surprised at the ease with which the capture was accomplished. It had been supposed, except by those who pretended to know, that the robber chief would make a splendid fight. Instead he surrendered ingloriously. The wise ones looked wiser still and whispered that since Cortina had furnished the money which had established the existing government there would naturally be an understanding between him and that government. He had permitted himself to be captured. Would he suffer the penalty of his crimes? Those who knew most thought not.

Nevertheless Cortina was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. The date of execution was reserved for the government to fix. Meanwhile the criminal was confined in prison at the capital. Several weeks after the sentence the day had not been named. As many months elapsed, and Cortina was still living. Then came an order from the government to his jailers that he should be permitted to go out on parole each day. After that Cortina went where he liked about the city on his promise to return to prison at evening.

There have been criminals from time immemorial who have won the sympathy and admiration of men. This is due to their touching some chord that responds to the human heart. From this point Cortina won the

sympathy of many—first, from a standard of honor which he set up for himself and, second, because his heart was given to a woman. His word was passed that he would return every evening to his jail, and every evening he returned.

Was this because he respected his promise or because he knew the government could recapture him if he broke his parole and would then be likely to fix a date for his execution? It seems more likely that the government, for reasons best known to itself, preferred that he should take himself away and relieve it of the necessity of his execution. There were doubtless secrets in their connection with the bandit that they would not care to have him reveal and which may account for their leniency. But to some who knew nothing about this Cortina was considered (paradoxically) the soul of honor.

But in the case of the bandit's love there were no such reasons for withholding sympathy. There was no cause for his loving—nothing to gain. It was simply a product of nature that pertains alike to the good and the bad. After he had been permitted to go about at his pleasure for more than a year there came to the capital a beautiful woman from the Caribbean coast. Cortina met this woman and, though he was a convict, a murderer and a robber, she permitted him to become acquainted with her. From becoming acquainted the two became companions. They were frequently seen together in the streets, and Cortina visited her in her apartments.

People wondered when they met the strange couple if this were not a case of genuine love, under the influence of which a fiend incarnate would be transformed into a lovable and loving man. Soldiers who were responsible for the man's keeping observed, but said nothing. They had their orders from the government and obeyed them. Indeed, all that pertained to this man to whom cities had given up their gold and silver, before whom whole towns had disappeared, by whom the streets of both cities and towns had been made to run blood and who was now permitted to go where he liked upon his word of honor—his every movement was observed, and yet no one openly made any comment or criticism.

But underneath the people marveled to see one who was ostensibly waiting for the government to fix a day when the garrote should end his career forever, giving himself up to the pleasure of loving and being loved, without an effort to avert the final tragedy. Why did he not steal away, which he might easily have done with the woman he loved, and in some foreign land live a life of atonement for his crimes? But would she go with him? Would she share his exile, always in dread wherever they might make a home, that he should become known as the bandit Cortina? Of this no one knew. They could only wonder. And still the man under sentence and the Caribbean beauty appeared together on the thoroughfares, and through her open windows came their voices, sometimes mingled with laughter or the strains from her guitar.

One night Cortina's jailers met with a surprise. The sunset and the prisoner had not returned. Perhaps he had been belated. The twilight faded, and yet nothing was seen of the prisoner. At dark he was still absent, and the guard was turned out. Whether it was called out under a pretense or whether the orders were that they should make an effort to find the prisoner and return him to jail doesn't matter. This man of so much unrecognized importance to the government was missing, and it behooved the authorities to show zeal in looking for him.

The guard was about to start from the prison yard when a man staggered up to the gate, threw up his hands and fell upon his face. Lifting him up, they threw back his jacket, and there up against his breast was the hilt of a stiletto.

The man was Cortina.

"Yes, I am late," he said feebly. "but I came. Love lured me to death. I had been with her all the afternoon. Then when it was time for me to return here she begged me to stay longer with her. When I came away the night had fallen. We walked together to the door. I kissed her goodbye. It was dark. I felt the point of a knife as it slipped into my vitals. I drew the pistol you have permitted me to carry, but she had vanished in the shadow."

Cortina gasped, and his head fell upon his breast. He was dead.

The beautiful Caribbean was not again seen in the capital. The next day the story of Cortina's death was told among the people, but no one ventured upon an explanation. Some supposed that the woman who killed him was one on whom he had inflicted misfortune during the period of his crimes. Perhaps he might have murdered some one dear to her—might have robbed her of a fortune. Others who were nearer the truth kept their suppositions to themselves. The stiletto was a convenient method at the time for silencing people who talked too much.

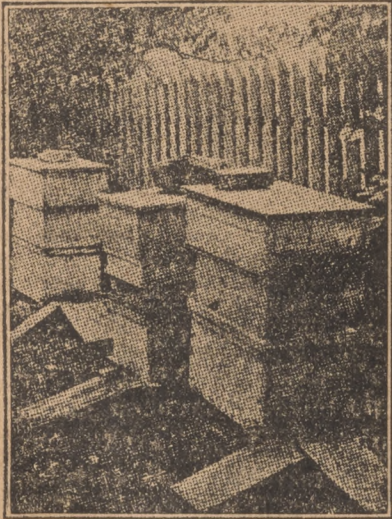
But gradually Cortina, his singular treatment by the government, the manner of his taking off, ceased to be the wonder of the day, giving place to new sensations. Some years after, when a new president came into power, many acts of wickedness of his predecessor came to light. It then became known that the government dared not openly execute Cortina because of his threats and those of his former companions in crime to reveal the government's complicity in their robberies. The beautiful Caribbean had been paid a large sum to become his executioner.

Farm and Garden

BEEKEEPING ON FARMS.

If Given Half a Chance Bees Yield Good Profits.

As to whether it will pay the average farmer to keep bees and produce honey on his place I would say that will depend somewhat on circumstances, writes J. W. Rouse of Audrain county, Mo. I am sure it would pay any horticulturist to keep bees even if he never got any honey from them, as they are a great aid in causing the fertilization of fruit bloom. Many times one can secure some surplus honey from bees kept in gums or boxes, but if bees are kept in modern improved movable frame hives, rightly attended to, they pay an immense profit. In fact, I know of nothing on a place that will yield as good a profit as bees, as one not only gets the benefit of them in fruit growing, but sometimes they yield 200 pounds per colony of honey. I have had them do this in three different seasons, and many have done better than that, including some kept by Illinois farmers



BEEHIVES ON ILLINOIS FARM.

and others. Of course it takes an expert to do so well, but what one can do others may do in like circumstances. No one need get the idea because he does not know how to handle bees like an expert that he cannot do anything, because if the bees are given half a chance they may do pretty well anyway.

I know of no reason why bees would not do well on any place where fruit is grown. Of course bees do not depend on fruit growing to secure a crop of honey, but it is a great aid to them in early spring (to stimulate them and get them started to raising young bees) to have a large number of them to gather the nectar a little later in the season when it does come. What I mean in particular is where fruit grows flowers will grow also, and where there is a fair variety of wild flowers growing is a good place for bees.

To get the best results from bees, in securing honey after putting them in movable frame hives and having the combs so built that the beekeeper can remove these combs and thus know all about the condition of his bees, remove moths if they should get into the hives, divide the bees when necessary or add them up if necessary and make a great many manipulations. The beekeeper should give them the great benefit of comb foundation* to start on, which not only secures straight combs in the frames, but also keeps the bees from building so much drone comb, which they will do if left to themselves.

Variegated Alfalfa.

Within recent years alfalfa has forged to the front as a forage plant in the United States with extraordinary rapidity. In fact, it may now be considered one of our most important crop plants. It is grown to some extent in all sections, but it is only in the western half of the country that it takes rank as a leading forage crop. In most parts of the west the ordinary alfalfa appears to be well adapted to prevailing conditions, but for localities where drought resistance is important and along our northern border, where ability to stand extremes of cold is essential, it has been found very desirable to secure improved strains.

The species of alfalfa ordinarily grown bears violet colored flowers, and its seed pods are coiled into close spirals. Persia was probably the original home of this species. There is, however, another species of alfalfa growing wild in Siberia and throughout the greater part of Europe which bears yellow flowers and whose seed pods are sickle shaped. The prostrate stems and poor seed bearing qualities of this species are obstacles to its use as a forage plant. It is, however, very drought resistant and is able to stand very low temperature without winter killing.

Where the yellow flowered alfalfa grows alongside fields of ordinary alfalfa there is a tendency for the species to cross and produce hybrids combining some of the qualities of both species and bearing both violet and yellow flowers. In this way have been naturally produced variegated varieties which are better adapted to stand extremes of cold than ordinary alfalfa. Variegated varieties, though possessing only 5 to 10 per cent of the yellow flowered parentage, are greatly superior for rigorous northern climates.

WHY CORN IS KING.

Facts Showing Enormous Output of the Cornfields in America.

While corn is conceded to be the leading crop of America it is doubtful if even the largest corn growers realize the extent of its production. If all the corn raised in Illinois in 1909 had been shipped to market it would have made 36,540 trains of twenty cars each, extending in one unbroken line from Portland, Me., to a point in the Pacific ocean 1,000 miles west of San Francisco, or two unbroken lines extending from New York to Salt Lake City.

If all the corn raised in Illinois in 1909 had been marketed at the price prevailing in December it would have brought \$201,517,250, an amount sufficient to pay the public debts of seventeen of the largest cities in America, as follows: Chicago, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Minneapolis, Galveston, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Washington.

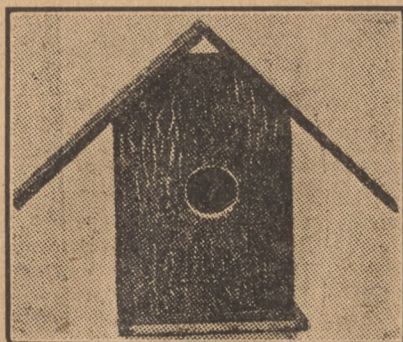
If all the corn raised in Illinois in 1909 had been exported it would have supplied the European demand for seven years. Had the European export for one year only been taken from the Illinois output there would have remained corn enough to allow sixty bushels for every man, woman and child in the state, or three and one-half bushels for every man, woman and child of the \$5,000,000 people in the United States today.

Yet Illinois is not alone. There are twenty-four other states each of which produces more than 15,000,000 bushels of corn each year and eight others whose individual output each year is in excess of 100,000,000 bushels. No wonder that corn has been crowned king, particularly in view of the fact, as Secretary Wilson has figured it, that the 1909 crop of the value of \$1,720,000,000—nearly equal to the value of the clothing and personal adornments of 75,000,000—has grown up from the soil and out of the air in 120 days, \$15,000,000 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two Dreadnoughts daily for peace or war.

The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are not of greater value. The total annual receipts from every source of every mile of railroad in the United States are not greater. The public debt of the nation could be paid off by two years' corn crops and enough money be left to build, arm and equip 100 battleships the like of which the world has never seen. If put on the market in the aggregate, to buy one year's corn crop would require every cent of the total gold and silver money of Germany and Austria-Hungary, while the proceeds divided per capita would give \$20 to every man, woman and child in the United States today.

Unique Bird House.

T. C. Kevitt, a New Jersey man, has built a simple but useful bird house. The body is a round stick with bark left on. A large hole is bored in the top, this being covered with a square



A SIMPLE BIRD HOUSE.

pitch roof. The entrance is one inch in diameter. This house was specially designed for the wren, an interesting bird to have around as well as an industrious insect destroyer. Such bird houses may be put in the corners of the house or on parts of trees inaccessible to cats.

Potato Importations.

Great Britain has become an item of interest to American potato growers. In spite of the very heavy transportation charges and many expenses in getting potatoes through the custom house Great Britain is making money shipping potatoes to the American market. The average yield of the Great Britain growers is 261 bushels to the acre. This means, as all averages mean, that good growers get many more per acre than this average and poor growers considerably less. Soak all seed potatoes coming from Maine or other potato growing sections in formalin (or formaldehyde) solution, one quart to fifty gallons of water. Soak a full two hours. Dry carefully away from either bags or barrels which have formerly held potatoes, for fear of contamination. Cut and plant only the best specimens. Give thorough cultivation. Spray with bordeaux and arsenate of lead combined from the time the plants are from four to five inches high at intervals not to exceed two weeks. Sort carefully and pack honestly. Brand every bag and barrel. Great Britain has made her record on careful cultivation and seed selection in the field from the best hills. This is proved to be the only way. Don't think it over; get busy. Up to March 31, 1909, the foreigners shipped into the port of New York 1,022,367 sacks of potatoes, on which was paid \$700,000 in duties. To this must be added transportation charges.

Ten bushels of hardwood ashes spread to the acre over the field just before drilling have a marked effect. The ashes give a vigor to the grain which may be distinctly seen in the dark color and the healthy growth of the leaves. Grain that is dressed with ashes is seldom attacked by rust.

THE EYE OF AN ARTIST.

A Case Where It Was More Reliable Than a Sailor's Optic.

Mr. N. Chevalier, the well known artist who accompanied the late Duke of Edinburgh on many of his travels, was once going from Dunedin to Lyttelton, New Zealand, by steamer. Anxious to catch the earliest glimpse of the coast, he went on deck at dawn and was alarmed to see that the vessel was heading straight on to the land. Calling the officer's attention to the fact, he was told that it was only a fog bank. The artist maintained his point, but the second officer looked and confirmed his mate.

The artist then said, "Well, gentlemen, I will back my artist's eye against your sailor's eye, and I say that what you mistake for a fog bank is a low range of hills, and there is a range of mountains appearing above them."

But he was only laughed at until the captain, coming on deck, found in the growing light that the artist was right and the seamen wrong. The vessel was out of its course, and there was only just time to avert disaster. The helmsman was dismissed in disgrace and the course given to a new steersman, but the vessel's head still pointed landward—the compass was all wrong.

The cause was discovered later. A commercial traveler had brought a box of magnets on board and deposited them in a stern cabin, causing what might have been a fatal deflection of the compass.

To return to the question of interpretation, the artist was dealing with the appearances which his eye was trained to see and his mind to interpret. A speck on the horizon might have remained a mere speck to him long after the sailors had interpreted the speck into a vessel of definite rig. There can be little doubt that the trained eye is accompanied by a sort of mental seeing—an instinct outrunning optics.

FRIENDLY ADVICE.

Josh Billings' Parting Shot to a Cheeky Drummer.

About Christmas time once the sometime famous Josh Billings, humorist, was on his way to his old home at Lanesboro, Mass. On the train were three traveling men who wanted a game of whist. One of them pointed to unpretentious and unprepossessing Josh and said:

"Let's ask Rube into the game and comb some of the hayseed out of his hair."

"My venerable friend," he said as he laid his hand on the shoulder of the old man, "will you join us in a game of whist?"

"Ya-as; we will get there in about three hours," replied Josh, putting his hand to his ear.

"You don't seem to understand," said the young fellow in a louder tone. "We want you to take a hand."

"Ya-as; the stand o' corn has been unusual good this year."

"My friend," the young fellow then yelled, "will you take a hand in a game?"

"Ya-as; I was tellin' Mandy this mornin' how plenty an' how fat the game is this year."

"Oh, you go to the devil!" shouted the young fellow as he took his seat, while the other drummers unmercifully pestered him.

When Lanesboro was reached the old fellow got up, handed one of his Josh Billings cards to each one of the trio and then said to his interlocutor:

"Young man, while you are traveling on your cheek don't get any hayseed on your clothes or the other drummers will take you for a Rube and get you into some game and skin you."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

What Bothered Her.

"Some women are very selfish," said a woman speaker at a banquet. "They remind me of the woman who visited a fortune teller."

"Lady," said the fortune teller, shuffling the cards, "fate decrees that you will visit foreign lands. You will mingle in the court life of kings and queens. Conquering all rivals, you will marry the man of your choice, a tall, dark, handsome gent of distinguished ancestry—in fact, a peer of the realm."

"Will he be young?"

"Yes; young and rich."

"The visitor in her excitement clutched the seer's arm."

"But how," she cried eagerly—"how am I to get rid of my present husband?"

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But when they had amassed \$10,000 the man, because he had the power, took the money and purchased with it not the automobile which he had led his faithful wife to expect, but a home. "Brute!" she cried, and when next a mob of suffragettes came that way she joined them. Who could blame her?—Puck.

A Light Eater.

"Look here!" exclaimed the landlady, who had agreed to board and lodge a man at reduced rates. "You told me you were a light eater."

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